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OPEC states agree on talks, Oteiba says

ABU DHABI, March 3 (AFP) — Current OPEC President Mansour bin Oteiba of the United Arab Emirates said Wednesday that he will call shortly for a "consultative" meeting of the organization's 13 oil ministers to be held before the end of this month.

Oteiba, who is the UAE oil minister, said he was making the call after receiving approval from the majority of members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

He told the Emirates WAM news agency, "The matter only needs some minor arrangements to define the date and venue of such a meeting." The minister was speaking on his return from a previously unannounced tour of three leading OPEC members.

Commenting on decisions by two OPEC members, Venezuela and Iran, to cut prices below those permitted under decisions of the last OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi in December, Oteiba said: "We believe that these cuts that occurred below the organization's benchmark are not legal and are unacceptable to us." The benchmark for light Arabian crude is \$34 a barrel. The minister added that the decisions "will not solve the

problems of these countries, but would rather further complicate the crisis."

Asked to comment on the four-dollar cut in the price of North Sea oil proposed by the British National Oil Company (BNOC), he said: "We as OPEC believe that any sharp decrease in oil prices will have bad effects on all — and we do not support any such decision." He called on OPEC members not to join others in cutting prices pending emergency talks he is calling next month.

Oteiba put excess world output at 4.5 million barrels a day. This has caused prices on the Rotterdam free "spot" market to collapse. Since January, the price of a barrel of Arabian light has fallen five dollars in Rotterdam, selling Wednesday at \$29.

Meanwhile, Egypt is the latest to join in cutting oil prices. It cut its price by \$1, its second such reduction in the face of the current world glut this year, a spokesman of the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation said Wednesday.

He said the price of a barrel of Egyptian Suez blend had been reduced on March 1 from \$33 to \$32. An earlier one-dollar cut was made on Feb. 1.

Hassan warns of OAU split

RABAT, March 3 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco said Wednesday the Organization of African Unity (OAU) would soon fall apart if legality and legitimacy were not restored quickly.

In a broadcast, the king referred to the admission of the "Saharan Arab Democratic Republic" (SADR) at an OAU ministerial meeting in Addis Ababa last week, which he said was a "flagrant violation of the (OAU) Charter and against all pertinent resolutions adopted by several successive summits on the issue." "If the course (taken by the OAU) is

not rapidly corrected, and if legality and legitimacy are not quickly restored, we risk exposing the OAU to splitting up very soon," the king declared.

"This warning merits being heard in all its gravity, for the interests of our continent obviously reside in its unity," he added. Morocco led the 19 nations which walked out of the Addis Ababa meeting in protest against the admission of the SADR, proclaimed by the Polisario Front fighting to wrest the Western Sahara from Moroccan control.

Visit Israel, opposition tells Schmidt

BONN, March 3 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was urged by the conservative opposition Wednesday to pay an early visit to Israel to try to overcome recent misunderstandings between the two countries.

Hans Klein, Middle East spokesman of the opposition Christian Democrats (CDU), told a press conference following a visit to Israel that the Israelis felt Schmidt was reserved toward them. "Helmut Schmidt's first visit would be a difficult one for him, but he would be able to clear up a great deal, if not everything," he said.

The Bonn Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that West Germany had expressed regret and displeasure to Israel over a fresh personal attack on Schmidt by Begin. The row broke out last week after Schmidt was quoted by an Israeli newspaper as saying he would not visit Israel until Begin apologized for personal attacks last year.

Bonn denied the report, but Begin took up the issue and said Schmidt should follow the example of his predecessor, Willy Brandt, and plead forgiveness for Nazi war crimes against the Jews.

During the Israeli election campaign last June, Begin accused Chancellor Schmidt of serving faithfully in the World War II German Army that helped to massacre European Jews.

At Wednesday's press conference, Alois Mertes, CDU parliamentary spokesman on foreign affairs, said a dialogue with Israel was an essential part of West German foreign policy. Mertes, who also visited Israel, said a climate of natural trust could be established only through lengthy talks. He also made clear that the opposition welcomed plans by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to visit Israel in May.

America trying for bases in Caribbean

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Department is exploring the possibility of gaining access for U.S. warplanes at bases in a number of countries in the Western Caribbean area, it said Wednesday.

Officials refused to identify the countries where U.S. survey teams have visited to examine existing facilities. "The Defense Department is working toward developing access agreements with countries in the Western Caribbean area," it said in response to questions.

"However, since no final decision has been made and no agreements have been reached, we will refrain from identifying any specific countries." The United States already has its own bases in the Caribbean area, including a big naval station at Guantanamo Bay in eastern Cuba and other bases near the Panama Canal.

The Reagan administration has moved to strengthen a number of Central American countries such as Honduras and Guatemala, which it considers threatened by Cuban-backed insurgencies. The most immediate area of concern is El Salvador, but it appeared highly unlikely that the United States would attempt to send any of its warplanes or other military forces into that country, beyond the small number of advisers now there.

Gold plummets to 30-month low

LONDON, March 3 (R) — Gold was fixed at a two-and-a-half-year low in London Wednesday and a West German metals trader said there was no sign that the price of the metal would recover in the near future.

Gold was fixed at \$357.1 an ounce in London Wednesday. This was sharply down on Tuesday night's close of \$359.75, but only fractionally less than the New York close of \$357.5. The metal has fallen by almost \$40 since the start of the year.

The West German metals trader Degussa said in its latest precious metals report that no revival in investor interest in gold could be expected while U.S. interest rates looked set to stay at their present high levels.

Degussa said further Soviet gold sales could not be ruled out and as a result, more price falls were possible at any time. The Soviet Union has been selling gold in Zurich in what some analysts see as a move to provide hard currency to help ease Poland's economic problems. Degussa said that although the price of gold might recover for periods because of industrial demand or bargain buying by central banks, experience showed that in a weak market the pace of price recovery was slower than that of the fall.

Dealers on the New York gold market attributed part of Tuesday's \$4 fall there to concern at the possibility of higher interest rates following a rise in the federal funds rate, the overnight lending rate. The dollar and sterling opened weaker in London Wednesday, but moved up slightly in later trading. Sterling fell by about half a cent Tuesday after the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) proposed a cut in the price of North Sea oil of \$4 to \$31 a barrel.



President Zia ul-Haq

'Soviet space weapon likely in 1983-1988'

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — The Soviet Union may deploy laser weapons in space during 1983-1988 — a period beginning next year — that could threaten U.S. communications and spy satellites, according to a published report of secret testimony by the Pentagon's top scientist.

Richard D. Delauer, undersecretary of defense, also said the Soviets were expected to orbit a manned space complex capable of attacking ground, sea and air targets from space about 1990, according to *The Army Times*. The Pentagon has said for some time that the Soviets were ahead of the United States in developing such weapons but Delauer's estimate is the first to disclose such an early date for deployment.

The newspaper, a privately owned weekly, said in its edition dated March 8 that Delauer's statements were contained in a secret testimony inadvertently read aloud by Republican Congressman Ken Kramer during a public hearing last week of the House Armed Services Committee.

"Geosynchronous satellites may be threatened by a Soviet space-based laser...as early as 1983-1988," Delauer as quoted was saying in the testimony read by Kramer. Geosynchronous satellites always stay above the same spot on earth. Such satellites are used primarily for communications. Kramer's reading was interrupted by a committee aide, but not before Delauer's words painted a grim prospect for the 1990s.

Indira plans visit

NEW DELHI, March 3 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia April 16-19 to help expand economic cooperation between the two countries, officials said here Wednesday.

Mrs. Gandhi is expected to discuss with King Khaled the situation in the Middle East.

In exclusive interview

Zia hopeful of end to Iraq-Iran war

By Wahib Ghorab
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 3 — Optimism about the effectiveness of efforts of the Islamic Peace Committee to end the war between Iraq and Iran was voiced by President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan in an exclusive telephone interview with *Arab News*. President Zia called on both sides to end the war, saying that the Islamic Peace Committee found dialogue between Iraq and Iran and the committee to be encouraging and a concrete step in itself. Following is the text of the interview.

Question: Are there plans or chances that after this week's meeting of the Islamic Peace Committee in Jeddah for the committee to move to Tehran and Baghdad? What is the purpose of the meeting, what is high on the agenda or on your mind?

Answer: This has been the normal practice in the past. I cannot say definitely. We will know the plans when we assemble or make out the plans and assemble in Jeddah on March 5. We never have any fixed agenda for such visits. The committee meets in Jeddah first, formulates plans and then goes to Tehran and Baghdad putting forward suggestions and proposals in the hope of acceptance by the governments concerned. Plans for this time will be more clear after we assemble on March 5.

Question: Who called the meeting and why?

Answer: The meeting was called by our Chairman President Sekou Toure and by Secretary General Habib Chatti of the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC). The peace committee was formed, as you know, as a result of the last Islamic summit in Taif. It is our duty to resolve the conflict between our two Muslim brothers Iran and Iraq. Until such time this conflict is resolved the peace committee's efforts will continue to be to strive hard and to find a solution.

Question: How did the removal of President Bani-Sadr and the slaying of Muhammad Ali Rajavi affect the work of the Islamic Peace Committee?

Answer: The Islamic Peace Committee does not deal with individuals. We deal with governments. Whosoever is in the government Islamic Peace Committee will be interested in.

Question: What will you do if the I.P.C.'s efforts prove unproductive this time? What will you think? What will you say?

Answer: I am glad to inform you we are all very optimistic individuals from President Sekou Toure, the chairman, right down to me as the President of Pakistan. We are not merely optimistic by nature but also in our thoughts. By still trying to continue our efforts until the conflict is resolved.

Question: Since the first meeting of the OIC's goodwill or peace committee, what concrete steps have really been scored?

Answer: The dialogue between the peace committee and two Muslim countries is in order to find ways and means to resolve the issue. This itself is a concrete step in its way.

Question: Do you really have hopes that your efforts will be conclusive?

Answer: Inshaallah!

Question: How weary is each side of this apparently endless conflict? Is it true that the Iraqis feel trapped in this war, that, to put it bluntly, having seen such an unexpected resistance on the part of the Iraqis and finding themselves strongly affected by this war, they wish to stop it, not to say they are afraid of its continuation, lest the tide of war may change?

Answer: I will not like to comment on either of the two members because we have to deal with both of them.

Question: How true are rumors that the Iranian Army has not moved yet and that those who are running the war are the guards of the revolution, while Iran's fully military potential has not been tackled despite Iraq's weariness?

Answer: These are long statements, not questions. It is not a very correct question to be asked of a member of a peace committee. It is not an investigating agency.

Question: How much has this war cost each side and how much does it cost them now?

Answer: I am sorry I have no idea. But I know it has cost both sides enormous sums of money.

Finally I call on both the sides to end this war and I hope the war will end. We are making our efforts. This is my individual effort as a member of the Islamic Peace Committee.

Yugoslav leaders under fire

BELGRADE, March 3 (AFP) — Yugoslav leaders have come in for heavy criticism because of their weakness for big limousines, personal aircraft and luxury apartments.

Weekly magazines have blamed the government for wasting hard currency in buying "business planes" abroad, resulting in diversification of aircraft types and increased costs for pilot training and maintenance. One magazine reported that last summer a business plane was sent to Dubrovnik on the Adriatic coast to urgently pick up a society woman who required a minor operation on her foot and did not trust the local doctors. Another woman was reported to have used an official plane to take her pet dogs to the vet.

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Aba Al-Khail tells seminar

State seeks diversification of income

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — The Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail said that the government sought to diversify its sources of income and economic activities instead of depending on a single source of national revenue.

Speaking at a seminar organized here Tuesday by the Saudi Arabian Society for Arts and Culture, Aba Al-Khail said that the country had made considerable progress in building its infrastructural services which form the backbone of its economic development.

The minister added that the country has at present 25,000 kilometers of roads and 100 port quays and a modern network of communications and telecommunications. "These services have been realized largely because of the availability of abundant capital which has made the Kingdom one of the exporters of capital," he said.

Other factors which have contributed to progress included the development of education on a large scale and in different sectors. In addition to the right atmosphere for private investments with generous government encouragement and incentives. The government has given the Saudi Arabian private sector the best possible opportunities to invest and prosper, he said. Foreign relations too, had played their role in encouraging economic investments in the country. "Good foreign relations lead to good investments," he said.

Speaking about the Saudization of the economy, Aba Al-Khail said the people here must further benefit from the economic prosperity in profit-making, decision-taking and administration and management. "Saudization is not merely leaving out foreigners from owning shares or taking part in administration and management but it should mean that the Saudi Arabian companies play a larger part in joint stock companies or joint ventures," he said.

Another speaker, Dr. Mahsoon Galal, said that the country has made impressive progress in all economic fields in an unprecedented manner, whether in Saudization or in infrastructure during the last few years. He emphasized the importance of scientific research which he said has been given special attention in the Kingdom. "This is going to make itself felt in the near future," he said.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Dakheel spoke about the elements of production which he said included capital, land and labor.

The Sudanese minister began his visit Monday and held talks with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman and other officials on promoting trade and solving problems which impeded its development.

Sudan cuts export tariffs -- minister

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — Sudan has abolished the 25 percent customs tariffs on its exports to the Kingdom which comprise grains and livestock, Sudanese Trade, Cooperative and Supplies Minister Ahmad Salem told Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, at a meeting here Wednesday.

The visiting Sudanese minister held talks with Aba Al-Khail on economic relations and the export of government subsidized items. The meeting was attended by Dr. Saleh Al-Umair, Finance Undersecretary for budget affairs; Hamad Al-Rashoudi, customs director general;

Saeed Ibn Saad Saeed, undersecretary for economic affairs; and Isma Faqih, assistant undersecretary.

Aba Al-Khail thanked the Sudanese government's gesture and said that it will help further promote trade between the two countries. The decision will lead to increased imports by the Kingdom as the prices of these items will be competitive with import prices from other countries, Aba Al-Khail said.

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Hong Kong team in Dammam

Singapore trade mission due

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 3 — A 14-member trade delegation from Singapore is due to arrive here Friday on a five-day visit. The group includes representatives of a wide range of trades like jewelry, diamonds, foodstuffs, furniture and readymade garments.

Adnan Ramli, commercial attaché at the Singapore Embassy, told Arab News that Singapore, a city-state with a population of

IDB chief confers with Upper Voltan

JEDDAH, March 3 (SPA) — President of Islamic Development Bank Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali met Wednesday with the visiting Upper Voltan foreign minister. The meeting reviewed the progress of work on the projects financed by the IDB in the African state and also discussed proposed projects to be financed by the bank.

Panel discusses diplomatic zone school complex

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — The Higher Executive Committee for the Transfer of the Foreign Ministry and Embassies met here Tuesday under Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sartan to discuss bids for building the international schools' complex at the proposed diplomatic enclave here.

The project comprises a kindergarten, two primary and two intermediate schools, one for boys and the other for girls. The project incorporates other services and facilities including sports halls and fields and multi-purpose halls.

The committee also reviewed proposals submitted by the consultant to the project in regard to the designing of a residential area at the southern end of the diplomatic quarters.

The foreign ministry and embassies project is expected to be completed next year and diplomatic missions will move to the capital from Jeddah. So far, many embassies have signed ownership or lease contracts with the government under which they were given land plots to build their chanceries. The diplomatic enclave will be a comprehensive residential area with all services. The government has already signed contracts for providing public services, like water, sewage and telephone networks. Government departments and commercial centers also have been allocated land.

Interior minister highlights frontier corps' housing plans

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif visited Tuesday the Frontier Corps headquarters here to inspect designs for the accommodation of the corps personnel in the Northern Region.

Prince Naif was received by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji, interior undersecretary, and Frontier Corps Director General Lt. Gen. Muhammad bin Hallal.

The interior minister saw a film of the designs for proposed housing projects in Jeddah, Isawiya and Muqana. Later, he inspected models for the three projects, which are the first phase for housing projects of the frontier corps, at an exhibition organized for the occasion.

Prince Naif stressed the urgency of the housing projects for the frontier corps. He said that it is important that such projects be completed as early as possible because of the great benefit they will bring to the personnel. The projects will provide the officers greater harmony with their duty and at the same time will reinforce their family relations in an atmosphere of stability and comfort which is one of King Khaled government's objectives for every citizen, especially those who work in rural areas and land and sea frontiers, the prince said.

Officials in charge of the frontier corps have been instructed by Prince Naif to provide all facilities for the comfort of officers guarding the Kingdom's borders, especially in housing which should be given priority. The Frontier Corps Directorate General's engineering department has devised a comprehensive program determining the needs of the corps in a first phase. The program was contributed to by individual Saudi Arabian

engineers.

The second phase comprises housing projects in Khafji, Rafha, Haditha, Hullat Ammar, Fursan, Arida, Tawwal, Qatrah and Khabbash. A third phase also will provide for similar projects in Haql, Asbah, Dhahran Al-Janoub, Raqa, Salwa, Sulayl, Juaimal and Al-Jazirah Al-Arabiya.

The first phase's studies were completed and tenders were issued. Qualified companies, categorized by the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, have been invited to bid. The three locations, Jeddah, Isawiya and Muqana, were chosen for strategic reasons, according to officials.

Jeddah has been allocated a total of 385 housing units, 190 of which will be implemented during the first phase. Isawiya's project will comprise 262 units of which 160 will be built during the first phase. Out of 533 units designed for Muqana, 250 will be carried out in the first phase.

Gulf body urges contribution to health program

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — The Joint Programs Production Organization of the Arab Gulf states Wednesday urged members of the Kingdom's literary clubs to contribute in writing for the health safety television and radio program, through a coordinated schedule in the Kingdom.

In a booklet published recently the organization explained the steps so far taken on the various stages of production, expected to be ready by the end of this summer.

The program deals with health education in the maternity, childcare, food and safety, environment, communicable diseases and the like.

The health ministries of Arab Gulf states had earlier signed an agreement with the organization for the production of 52 television series, each of half an hour's duration. The contract also provides for the production of 52 radio series of a quarter of an hour each.

The program will not be confined to radio and television but will include various health orientation media, such as health education centers, schools, private institutes, hospitals and clubs.

Malaysian visits center

JEDDAH, March 3 (SPA) — Malaysian Youth and Sports Minister Dr. Dato Mokhtar Hashem visited here Tuesday night the recreation and sports center of the Presidency of Youth Welfare. He was accompanied by Abdullah Al-Kaki, director of youth welfare in the Western Region.

The Malaysian minister inspected the games halls and other departments of the SR250-million center which will be officially dedicated within the next few months.

The youth welfare office gave a dinner party Tuesday night in honor of the Malaysian minister and his delegation.

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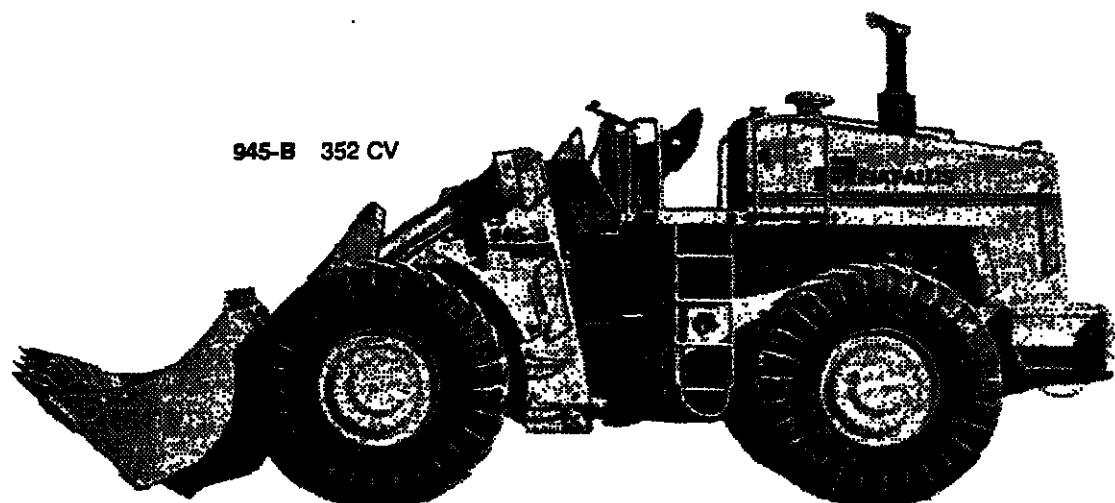
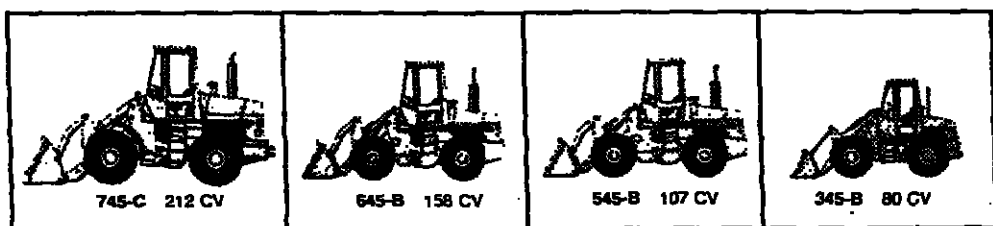
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Ministry to compensate dead, disabled students

JEDDAH, March 3 — A SR60,000 lump sum compensation will be paid by the Finance and National Economy Ministry in the case of death or disability of any Saudi Arabian students during studies or training, *Al-Jazirah* reported Wednesday.

According to a decree by the Education Ministry circulated to all educational zones, a Saudi Arabian student at any educational or training level will be paid SR60,000 by the finance and national economy ministry in the event of death or disability. The sum will be paid in full in the case of death and also in the case of

injury leading to a partial or total disability preventing the student from carrying on his studies or training.

Part of the compensation will be paid in the case of partial or total disability that does not prevent the student from pursuing his or her studies or training. Such a compensation will be calculated in accordance with the degree of injury from partial to total disability.

Implementation of the new compensation rules will be confined to cases of death or disability occurring as a result of a material cause that came up during studies.

SIDF finances nine new factories

RIYADH, March 3 — The Saudi Industrial Development Fund will finance nine new industrial projects worth a total SR85 million in various areas of Saudi Arabia. The money will be used to build factories for refreshment drinks, cans, plastic pipe, paint, tractor, barbed wire, fencing wire and steel tank.

According to *Al-Riyadh* approval to finance the projects was given during the 13th session of the fund's board held Tuesday under Sheikh Hamad Saud Al-Sayari, deputy governor of the Saudi Arabian monetary agency (SAMA) and chairman of the fund's board.

Five training centers to open in Ahsa region

AHSA, March 3 (SPA) — The region's department of education has decided to open five centers for training and school activity in Hofuf and Mabraz from Saturday, it was announced here Wednesday.

The centers' activities, which will last until March 23, will benefit 2,000 students through various social, cultural, athletic and technical programs.

On the other hand, the department of girls' education in Ahsa has lately taken over 11 schools in Hofuf, Mabraz and other rural areas at a cost of SR58.42 million. A building for the girls' education department was also handed over after it was completed at a cost of SR30 million.

Meanwhile, Director of Girls' Education in Ahsa Ali Al-Almaie has stated that six new schools will be taken over soon in the rural areas of Ahsa. The schools, which will have 15 and six classrooms will be completed at a cost of SR20 million. He said that, at present, two 27-classroom schools are being constructed Hofuf and Mabraz, costing SR8 million.

Harakan thanks officials for mosque week

MAKKAH, March 3 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, Wednesday cabled his thanks to Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of youth welfare, on the occasion of the fifth mosques' week.

Harakan, who sent the cable on behalf of the secretariat general of the World Supreme Council of Mosques, said the activities of the week are being noticed with great interest, as they are related to a commendable service to the mosques.

The MWL secretary general sent identical cables to Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments; and Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaier, minister of education.

Meanwhile, Harakan met Wednesday with Mustafa Sesse, chairman of the Islamic-African Coordination Council and Senegalese ambassador to the Kingdom. They discussed possible ways of spreading the message of Islam across the African continent, within the framework of the resolutions and recommendations of the first Islamic information conference which was held in Jakarta. Talks also covered the condition of Islamic

newspapers, including the magazine *Muslim Africa*, published in French by the Islamic Organization's Union in Senegal.

After the meeting, Sesse said the council plans to undertake a number of activities centering on the preparation of preachers and religious guides, whose task will be to deliver lectures and to spread the Islamic message in Africa. He added that a training course was carried out in Nouakshott, Mauritania, with the participation of men working in these fields. Those having passed the course have been sent in different parts of the African continent to propagate the message of Islam, he said.

Sesse said that a number of copies of the

Holy Quran, translated into French, English and an African language, have been distributed, and added that the council has received from the Kingdom some scholarships which have been awarded to deserving students to pursue their studies.

In regard to the council's activities, Sesse said it is currently implementing the resolutions of the second session. He added the council intends to hold its next meeting in May in Morocco, at the invitation of the Moroccan government. He expressed optimism on the council's success in the future, since all officials in Africa have expressed their readiness to give material and moral support, he said.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:14	5:17	4:48	4:36	5:00	5:31
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:33	12:33	12:05	11:52	12:16	12:46
Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:55	3:26	3:13	3:37	4:06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:27	6:26	5:58	5:43	6:08	6:36
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JEDDAH (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed arrived here Tuesday night from abroad. He was met at the airport by Prince Saud Al-Mohsen, deputy governor of Makkah; Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, commissioner of Jeddah; Gen. Mansour Al-Shoaibi, commander of the Western zone; and several top civil and military officials.

JEDDAH (SPA) — King Abdul Aziz University will organize a seminar on Islamic banks on March 16. It will be addressed by Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, president of Islamic banks, who will explain the objectives of Islamic banking and the development of banking activity in conformity with the Islamic law. Several banking officials and university professors are to take part in the seminar.

RIYADH (SPA) — Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Satnam will open Tuesday an international seminar on dentistry to be organized by King Saud University. Prince Satnam also will attend the graduation ceremony of the first group of Saudi Arabian dentists in the same day. The three-day seminar, to be attended by specialists from inside and outside the Kingdom, will discuss medi-

cal issues related to dentistry and several research papers will be presented.

LONDON (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer met here Wednesday with British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd. They reviewed bilateral relations and means of promoting them, in addition to cooperation in economic, commercial and oil matters. Nazer concluded a three-day official visit later in the day. He had talks with Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher and State Secretary for Trade John Biffen.

RIYADH (SPA) — Ibrahim Al-Sobhi, assistant secretary general for political affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), met Wednesday the Kingdom's Chief of Staff Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hamad. The meeting reviewed preparations for the second meeting of the GCC chiefs of staff scheduled here on March 15.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, met Wednesday with United Emirates Ambassador to the Kingdom Muhammad Ahmad Bourihima, Bangladesh Ambassador Muhammad Mohsen and Lebanese Ambassador Zafer Al-Hassan. Chatti, discussed several Islamic issues with the ambassadors he met separately.

TABUK (SPA) — Two Filipinos embraced Islam here Wednesday before Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Saleh Al-Humaid, assistant president of Tabuk Sharia courts. The two men changed their names to Muslim names, Anito David becoming Ahmad Hassan and Paul Shano Breda. Muhammad Dawood.

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Arrives in Israel

Mitterrand speaks of Palestinian rights

TEL AVIV, March 3 (Agencies)—French President Francois Mitterrand arrived in an official visit Wednesday — the first ever by a French head of state to the Zionist state — and received a warm welcome in recognition of his new even-handed Middle East policy.

Israeli President Yitzhak Navon greeted Mitterrand on the rain-swept tarmac. Prime Minister Menachem Begin sat in a wheelchair beside the rostrum during the welcoming speeches. Begin broke a bone in his hip joint in November and is still recuperating.

The 65-year-old French president described himself as a "true friend of Israel" but also touched on the Middle-East crisis in his remarks, though he did not mention the Palestinians by name.

"None of us can be satisfied as long as the people still suffering from a prolonged conflict for a generation or more, do not have peace in full dignity," Mitterrand said. "Let us work together that this visit will allow our two countries to enlarge the perspective open before us," he said. He hoped the occasion would "unleash just solutions to a problem that preoccupies us."

Navon declared: "We ardently hope that with you a new, happier page becomes inscribed in the history of our two countries and that the clouds that have at times obscured our relations will finally dissipate." Mitterrand then went to Jerusalem.

(In a broadcast in Beirut Wednesday, the Voice of Palestine criticized the visit saying

that "the price France will pay in its relations with the Arab countries for this policy (of rapprochement with Israel) will be against the interests of the French people."

(The official radio of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) added that Mitterrand's trip constituted "groundless support for Israel, which is isolated on the international scene."

"(The Palestinians in the occupied territories will inform President Mitterrand of their trust in the PLO and of their belief in the right to self-rule and the creation of an independent (Palestinian) state," the radio said.)

In Paris, former French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville said Wednesday France no longer had a say in Middle East affairs because the United States and the Soviet Union excluded any outside voices in the area.

He said in an interview with the pro-socialist *Le Matin* newspaper: "France, no more than Britain has any say in the Middle East." Couve de Murville, who was foreign minister during the 1967 war, said French influence in world affairs in general had diminished and this had contributed to its loss of influence in the Middle East.

Commenting on President Mitterrand's visit to Israel, he said: "Frankly, the situation in which the Middle East finds itself today and the numerous crises there, I believe it would be wise not to make too many trips. Neither to one side nor the other."

U.S. reassures Israel on arms tilt

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AFP) — For the second time in 24 hours, a top American official has reassured Israel that the United States would not lightly alter the military balance in the Middle East to the detriment of Israeli security.

The reassurance was apparently prompted by fears of an Israeli military action and by next month's return to Egypt of the Israeli-occupied Sinai peninsula. Echoing remarks made Monday by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of State Alexander Haig Tuesday told a congressional committee that very careful consideration should be given to the balance of forces in the Middle East.

Weinberger had said earlier that any decision on American arms sales to the Arab countries should be based not only on the real needs of the countries concerned but also on their possible effects on the balance of power. Haig and Weinberger both showed caution on the possible sale of ground-air Hawk missiles and sophisticated combat aircraft to Jordan.

The two men stressed that no formal

request had been received in Washington from King Hussein of Jordan who Sunday made clear he intends to acquire such weaponry. A State Department official in a private conversation said: "We are ready to help our Arab friends in the Middle East to face up to the Soviet or internal subversion threat, but any decision will be weighed extremely carefully, particularly in the light of the need to preserve Israel's security."

Observers said that the outpouring of reassurances about United States intentions toward Israel showed the administration's disquiet over recent statements by the Israeli leadership. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has indicated that Israel would not tolerate the acquisition by Jordan of American mobile missiles or fighter-bombers.

The question of arms sales to Jordan will face the Reagan administration with a difficult problem in the next month or two, observers said. An American refusal could cause King Hussein to conclude new agreements with the Soviet Union for military purchases.

For mass arrest of citizens

Syria complains to U.N. on Israel

UNITED NATIONS, March 3 (AP) — Syria accused Israel Tuesday of making "mass arrests of Syrian nationals" in the occupied Golan Heights amid a general strike there against Israel's annexation of the Syrian territory.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Syrian Ambassador Dia-Alallah El-Fattal also said Israel had been reinforcing its troops in the Heights since the Dec. 14 annexation. He added that when Arabs in the occupied West Bank began contributing to a fund to aid "Syrian Arabs in danger of starvation," Israeli military authorities sealed off the Golan "to prevent these contributions from reaching their destination" and put five persons under house

arrest for collecting donations.

Even Israeli journalists are barred from visiting the Golan Heights, El-Fattal said, and added that "Israeli authorities are enforcing a new series of civil procedures in order to compel our nationals to accept Israeli citizenship."

"Seventy percent of Arab births are being refused registration, marriage certificates are not being issued and automobile registrations are being denied so long as Israeli identity cards are not held by the applicants," he charged. The ambassador asked that his letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council, both of which have called on Israel to rescind its extension of Israeli law and administration to the Golan Heights.

Over 60 Sinai squatters evicted

TEL AVIV, March 3 (R) — The Israeli Army Wednesday evicted more than 60 squatters from northern Sinai and then began to dismantle their illegal outpost as the first stage of the Israeli withdrawal from the area next month.

A large force broke into the settlement of Chazar Adar at dawn and forced the squatters, members of the anti-withdrawal movement, out of their temporary living quarters in caravans and buses, military sources said. The squatters, including women and chil-

dren, tried to resist but they were forced onto buses and trucks and taken to a nearby army camp where they were released.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon announced Tuesday that the army would begin removing squatters Wednesday. His announcement came after the government won parliamentary backing for its handling of the withdrawal from the area, which goes back to Egypt before April 26 under the terms of the peace treaty between them.

Assad gets Reagan note from Habib

DAMASCUS, March 3 (Agencies)—U.S. Presidential envoy Philip C. Habib left Damascus for an unknown destination Wednesday after a two-hour meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad in which he delivered a letter from U.S. President Ronald Reagan, official sources said.

Damascus state radio said Habib and Assad discussed the contents of Reagan's letter and that the Syrian leader had handed Habib a response to the letter. The content of both messages was not divulged.

Habib arrived in Damascus from Israel Tuesday and has already talked with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam in the midst of attacks by the official Syrian news media on U.S. policies in the Middle East and Habib's mission. Habib is currently on his fifth shuttle to the Middle East since last May in an effort to consolidate the July 24 ceasefire in southern Lebanon between Palestinian commands and Israel which he was instrumental in bringing about with United Nations help.

The Syrian press has charged Habib is unfit for his role as mediator because of the U.S. administration's support for Israel. Although Habib has refrained from making any comment regarding the nature of his talks with Syrian, Lebanese or Israeli leaders, Israeli sources in Jerusalem said Habib would like the ceasefire to include a ban on commando attacks inside Israel which technically were not considered part of the July 24 ceasefire.

Despite Habib's presence, Syria's government-controlled press launched new condemnations Wednesday of Washington. One article called the United States "the principal enemy of the Arab nation."

Two days ago, Assad himself accused Washington of "manipulating from time to time the Muslim Brotherhood, believing that by creating problems in Syria, it can bring the country to capitulate to Israeli will."

Just as Habib and Khaddam were sitting down to talk Tuesday the National Progressive Front, the highest political grouping in Syria's ruling Baath Party apparatus, reassured Syria's determination to "fight (U.S.) policies in the region." Even after Habib arrived in Beirut last weekend, it was far from certain that Syrian officials would grant permission for Habib to come to Damascus. But analysts said a Syrian desire to continue dialogue with the United States overrode the differences between the two sides.

Habib originally launched his mission in May after Syria wheeled Soviet-made SAM-6 missiles into eastern Lebanon after losing two of its helicopters to Israeli jets. The Syrian move threatened to spark off a confrontation between Israel and Syria. Habib, after successfully heading off an immediate collision between the two, became involved in the southern Lebanon issue which erupted during one of his trips to the area.

Amman radio Wednesday said Habib was expected in Jordan Thursday for talks with Jordanian leaders on "Middle East affairs in general and the Lebanese situation."

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (R) — Turkey's minister of communications, Necmi Ozgur, resigned Tuesday, the state radio reported. It gave no reason for the move. The radio said Mustafa Aysan, a member of Turkey's Consultative Assembly, had replaced Ozgur as communications minister. The consultative assembly is Turkey's transitional parliament.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Former Empress Farah Diba of Iran, widow of the deposed Shah, Wednesday denied a recent report that she is "thinking of remarrying." In a statement carried by the Egyptian press, she dismissed the report, that she would marry Iranian pilot Hamad Sarwan this summer, as "false and totally unfounded." The report appeared in the Egyptian weekly magazine *October*.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Twenty-one drug traffickers, including two foreign nationals, were hanged Tuesday at Qasr Prison here, the Iranian daily newspaper *Islamic Republic* reported Wednesday. The daily said some of the executed belonged "to an international drug traffic network."

TUNIS, (AP) — Muhammad Jenifene was named Tunisian ambassador to Libya Wednesday, marking the resumption of normal diplomatic relations between the two nations after last week's visit to Tunis by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

Chad admits significant victory by rebel forces

N'DJAMENA, March 3 (R) — The Chad government has admitted its troops had suffered a serious setback against rebel forces last Sunday, the day when a ceasefire was due to come into effect.

Vice-President Abdulkader Wadal Kamougue said that Oum-Hadjer, a strategic town on the main road from Sudan to the capital, fell to the rebel army of Hissene Habre Feb. 28. Col. Kamougue told reporters a "generalized offensive" was being prepared against all the positions held by Habre's FAN (Armed Forces of the North) rebels. A civil war has raged intermittently in Chad since 1965.

The Organization of African Unity (OAU) called for the ceasefire during a meeting on Chad in Nairobi last month. A

Nigerian-led OAU peace-keeping force has been acting as a buffer between rival factions since last December.

African states also recognized the importance in any settlement of Habre's 4,000-strong FAN, which has taken control of at least half the country since Libyan troops pulled out of Chad in November. But Chad President Goukouni Oueddei stormed out of the OAU meeting after he was told to negotiate with Habre.

The president has insisted on a military solution and is bitter with the OAU peacekeeping force for refusing to attack the rebels. At Tuesday's press conference, however, Vice-President Kamougue appeared to soften the government line when he was asked whether negotiations were still ruled out.

Zayed, Iran official hold talks

ABU DHABI, March 3 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, had talks Tuesday night with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmad Azizi, the official Emirates News Agency said Wednesday.

"The discussed bilateral relations and reviewed the current Islamic issues, as well as Iran's views about strengthening Islamic solidarity," the agency added. Azizi arrived Tuesday on the first known visit to a Gulf state by a senior Iranian official since Bahrain said in December it had foiled an Iranian-backed coup attempt.

He told Reuters that he was on a five-day visit to the UAE at the president's invitation, adding that Iran planned to expand relations with its neighbors and to work for "the region's independence from the superpowers." Bahrain stopped all dealings with Iran following the coup attempt. Azizi is also expected to visit Dubai.

In a joint communique at the end of a two-day visit by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Muhammad, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) appealed to the superpowers Wednesday to be sincere in their efforts to find a comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem.

The communique also urged the big powers to exert pressure on Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories. The two

countries expressed concern over the continuing Iraq-Iran conflict and called upon the combatants to resolve the issue through peaceful negotiations. They also called for a political settlement of the Afghan crisis. On bilateral relations, the communique said there was potential for UAE investment, especially in the manufacturing and consumer sectors, through joint projects in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, South Yemen President Ali Nasser Muhammad and President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan held private talks Wednesday but no details were disclosed.

President Muhammad, who arrived from Algeria Tuesday, is accompanied by his ministers of foreign affairs and labor. A large number of Yemenis work in UAE, which has no diplomatic relations with South Yemen.

President Muhammad was quoted Tuesday as saying that his discussions with the UAE leaders would deal with the development of bilateral relations, Gulf security and the strengthening of Arab solidarity against "Zionist and imperialism."

Tripoli phones dead as blast hits building

BEIRUT, March 3 (AP) — A car packed with TNT exploded outside the main telecommunications building in the northern port of Tripoli, wounding 18 persons and knocking out all telephone service in the city, police said Wednesday.

Seven of the wounded were Syrian soldiers who are part of the 22,000 troops Syria keeps in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate to police the aftermath of the 1975-76 civil war. The Syrian peacekeepers had offices in the second floor of the building that suffered heavy damage in the blast Tuesday night. Tripoli is 80 kms north of Beirut and is Lebanon's second largest city.

There have been 18 explosions in the past 19 days in Lebanon, most of them in west Beirut. Eight persons died and 35 suffered wounds in a car-bomb blast near Beirut airport last Saturday. Nine days ago, twin boobytrapped cars exploded in a crowded bazaar, killing 13 and wounding more than 30.

Sadat murder trial

CAIRO, March 3 (AP) — The Supreme Military Court, trying 24 persons accused of assassinating President Anwar Sadat, Wednesday decided to end the presentation of its case pending a verdict March 6.

The statement carried by the official Middle East News Agency, said the court decision was taken during a session earlier Wednesday.

The chief defense lawyer, Abdul Haleem Ramadan, in a recent interview said the 35-man team of lawyers for the zealots was making its defense for the tenth accused and would need many more weeks to complete their cases.

Iran refuses to talk with Iraqis on family visits

TEHRAN, March 3 (AFP) — Iran "will refuse any meeting with Iraqi envoys" to discuss details of the forthcoming exchange of families of prisoners of war, Tehran radio reported here Wednesday.

In a communique detailing Iranian proposals for the visit, the radio said the Tehran government would "insist on the Red Cross or (its Islamic equivalent) the Red Crescent being in charge" of the visit. "Any date is acceptable except that proposed by Iraq, March 15," the national radio said.

"Every group of visitors to Iran will be accompanied by a 22-man team including doctors, medical assistants and interpreters," the communique said. Their trips to third countries serving as intermediaries — Turkey or Kuwait — will be paid for by Iraq, the radio said.

The prisoner of war families cannot directly cross the border between the neighboring nations because of their year-long war.

House of Iran MP attacked

TEHRAN, March 3 (AFP) — Three gunmen in a car sprayed machinegun fire on the house of Iranian parliamentarian Hojatoleslam Assadollah Bayat Wednesday, seriously wounding a passerby, IRNA news agency reported.

The Hojatoleslam, an M.P. from Zanjan, 300 kms northwest of Tehran, was unscathed in the attack. The assailants escaped.

In another development, at least 2,380 people involved in drug smuggling have been arrested in Iran's south-eastern province in a major mopping-up operation during which 100 members of the security forces were killed.

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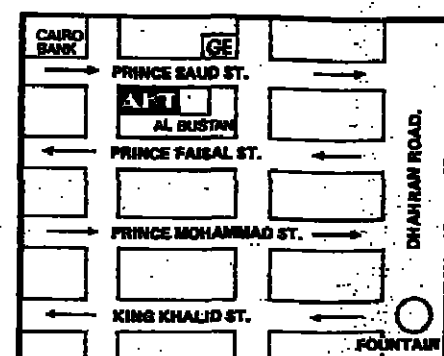
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Reagan, party angered by Maureen's entrance in state Senate race

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (LOS) — She calls herself "a militant moderate." When her father was asked last summer if Maureen Reagan would enter this year's cluttered race to represent California in the U.S. Senate, he winced and replied: "I hope not."

Miss Reagan, 40, decided to ignore the president and carry on campaigning. Along with a baker's dozen of rival candidates, she has filed nomination papers at the formal start of a bizarre, all-in-the-family race for top political prize in the nation's wealthiest state.

Relations between Ronald Reagan and his eldest daughter — never especially warm — have cooled still further. Officially the president is "neutral" in a contest for the Republican nomination which pits liberal Maureen against conservative Barry Goldwater Jr., son of the Arizona Senator whose ill-fated bid for the presidency in 1964 helped set Reagan on the road to the White House.

But presidential aides have been letting it be known that privately Reagan is deeply opposed to his daughter's candidacy. Word is being passed to political allies and his "kitchen cabinet" in California to offer her no aid or comfort.

Ronald Reagan and Barry Sr. are old friends and both are irritated at the prospect of a divisive Reagan vs Goldwater brawl that could damage the chances of Barry the younger, currently front-runner, against the leading Democrat, California Governor Jerry Brown, next June.

"Maureen has little money and less chance of winning the nomination," said a White House source recently. "All she's doing is

screwing things up for us in California."

Miss Reagan, the president's daughter by his liberal-minded first wife, Jane Wyman, supports the Equal Rights Amendment for women, tougher gun-control laws and other emotional causes opposed by her father and first lady Nancy Reagan. She has said that in the president's place she would have fired Budget Director David Stockman for his indiscretions about Reaganomics, yet retained National Security Advisor Richard Allen ("a wise man") who resigned last month. She has infuriated Republican hard-liners by sticking up for California Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird, a Brown appointee whom conservatives seek to recall because of her opposition to the death penalty.

The Senate seat at the center of all this furor is occupied by a 75-year-old former university don, S.I. Hayakawa, best known for his spats with rebel students in the 1960s. Dubbed "the Somnifer Kid" for his habit of dozing through Senate debates, Hayakawa has been forced into retirement by Reagan's kingmakers by the simple expedient of handing the \$2 million plus needed to win a California Senate race to Barry Jr.

Barry, 43, is not considered by his peers to be exceptionally smart, and voters are aware that he lacks his famous father's dynamism. But he bears the name, and the Kitchen Cabinet, looking at his rivals — known in California as "Maureen and the Seven Dwarfs" — were appalled.

Miss Reagan may lack cash — by chance her father's last California vacation included a fund-raiser which pre-empted one of her own — but these are early days.

Book about Margaret tells all to everyone

By Rudy Maxa

WASHINGTON (WP) — Princess Margaret's 1978 divorce from the Earl of Snowdon was the first in the immediate royal family in four centuries, and her subsequent romance with sometime gardener Roddy Llewellyn angered her sister, Queen Elizabeth, and titillated the readers of Britain's scandal columns.

To put it bluntly, Princess Margaret has been unlucky in love. And how, thanks to a book by London's *Daily Mail* gossip columnist, Nigel Dempster, the whole world will soon know just how unlucky she's been.

"The marriage that supposedly lasted 18 years actually lasted only five, and she ran off with her daughter's godfather," says Dempster, whose unauthorized biography filled with details of failed romances, *H.R.H. The Princess Margaret: A Life Unfulfilled*, has been a best-seller in England since last fall.

In April Macmillan publishes the book in the United States; both publisher and author hope Americans enchanted with British royalty after last summer's wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana will turn to Dempster's book for their royal fix this season.

Dempster, 40, is London's bad-boy columnist, a bon vivant who relishes dishing the dirt about the private lives of public figures, some of whom cooperate with him. For example, Dempster says her royal highness confirmed her relationship with her daughter's godfather, merchant Anthony Barton.

"It's all very French," says Dempster, who notes Barton and his wife are still friends with Princess Margaret. For Dempster, running photos of such fun couples is routine fare.

"My idea is that when you read one of my items you know who the people are, what their pedigree is, their financial standing," says Dempster, who began keeping notes of

conversations with Princess Margaret after their first meeting at a party in 1970.

It was also his good fortune to know Llewellyn — Dempster says he hired him to garden for him several years ago. In 1979, with the idea of selling a series of articles about the strange courtship of Princess Margaret and Llewellyn (16 years her junior), Dempster asked Llewellyn to stop working in his garden and begin talking into his tape recorder.

"There isn't anything I don't know about Roddy," Dempster said with some weariness between interviews with European royalty attending a recent backgammon tournament in the Bahamas. "After a few months I'd written 50,000 words, and my agent suggested turning it into a book. 'About Roddy?' I asked. He said, 'no, you know, about princess Margaret.'"

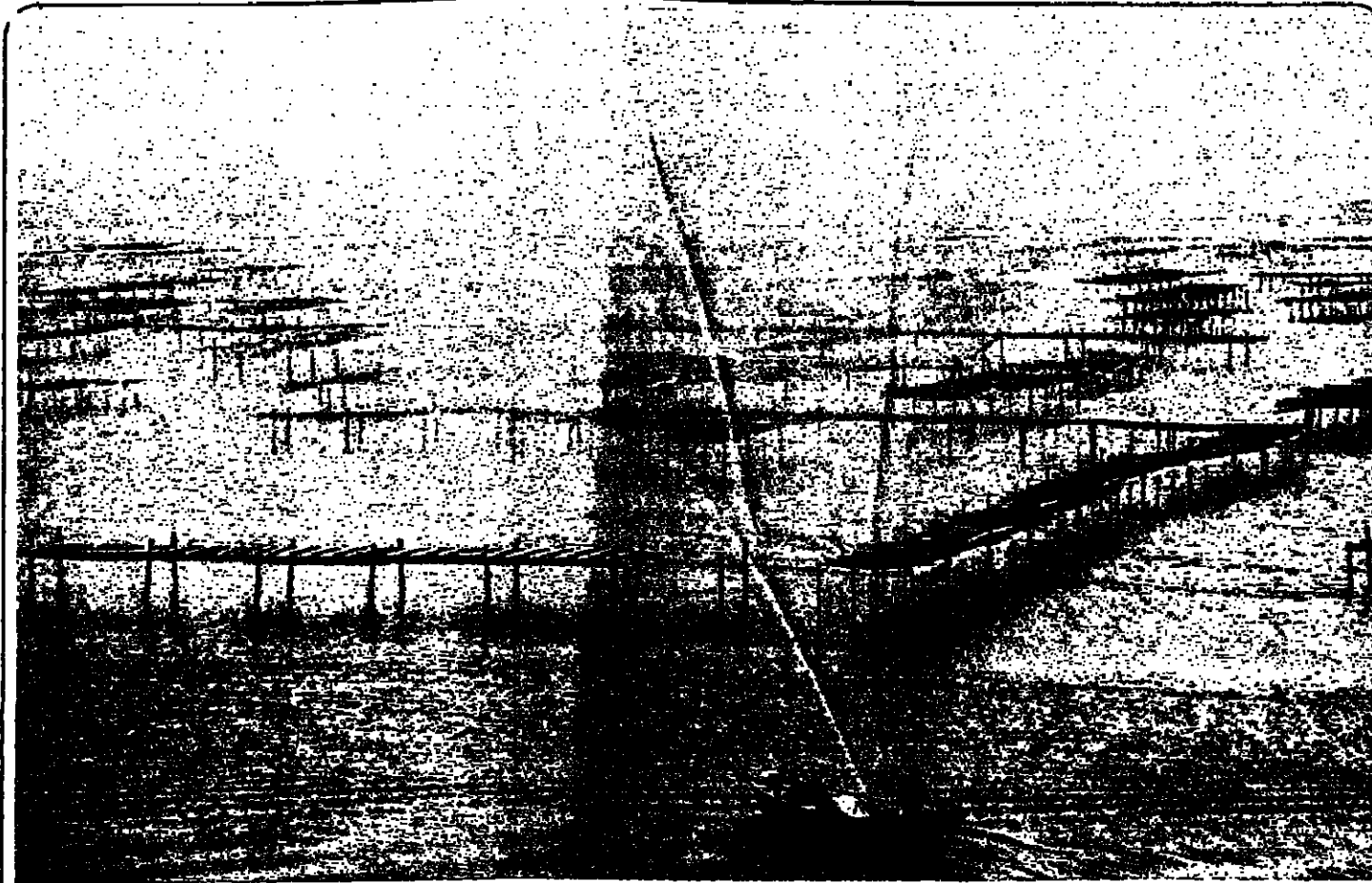
Dempster says her royal highness cooperated slightly, correcting information in a 17-page synopsis he provided her prior to publication.

"Throughout she kept saying, 'you will be kind of Roddy, won't you?'" Dempster recalls. "She went into a bit of a spin after it first came out, but we're back on speaking terms now."

Dempster earned some criticism for being a traitor to his class, or at least his wife's class. He is married to the daughter of the Duke of Leeds, who, says Dempster airily, understands his book is "a commercial enterprise."

Dempster is not in awe of his subject.

"I once said, 'surely you have some ambition?' 'No,' she said, 'actually I don't.' Now here was a woman who had everything, yet she couldn't have everything. Two dukes turned her down, and when she wanted to marry Peter Townsend, her sister who ruled over everything she saw couldn't help her ..."



AQUACULTURE TO TRIPLE: The French government has initiated an aquaculture program which promises to increase production of oysters and mussels by more than one-third by 1985 and two-thirds by 1990. It is also predicted that fish-raising will increase from 350 tons to 5,000 tons a year by 1985 and 15,000 tons by 1990. An oyster bed in Bouzigues is shown in the top photo; below, aquaculture tanks run by the National Center for the Exploitation of the Sea in Treguer.



Hazards are well-known

Offshore oil exploration is costly, taking a heavy toll in human lives

By Manuel Gordovez

HONG KONG (Depthnews) — As the worldwide search for petroleum intensifies, no areas have been left unexplored, including those considered as too remote or unpromising. The gamble is certainly paying off. For the first time in 20 years, oil production from non-members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is expected to exceed OPEC's output this year.

But the price they have to pay, especially in terms of human lives, is heavy. The sinking in mid-February of the giant oil rig, *Ocean Ranger*, in which all 84 workers aboard were missing, is a case in point.

The *Ocean Ranger*, described as the world's largest, disappeared without a trace after it was toppled by a raging North Atlantic storm while anchored about 320 kilometers east of Newfoundland. The rig cost \$120 million.

But the worst single oil exploration accident occurred in March 1980 when the *Alexander Kielland* capsized in the North Sea waters of Norway. A total of 123 workers perished.

The London Institute of Underwriters reports that since January 1979, a dozen rigs have sunk, capsized, collapsed or caught fire as exploration was pushed into deeper and more difficult international waters.

Indeed, the offshore oil industry is caught up in its biggest construction boom yet. Unlike the growth of the mid-70s, which was confined primarily to North Sea drilling, the present expansion is worldwide.

But so have the concomitant risks involved. Platform exploration is being attempted in ever more hostile environments — in polar regions and in waters considered until recently to be impenetrably deep.

Because of rising accidents, the International Labor Organization has drawn up a Code of Practice to help minimize the loss of lives and equipment. The ILO explains: "It is difficult to determine the exact number of offshore workers; most sources place the figure at between 350,000 and 450,000."

Yet the hazards they have to face are fairly well-known — adverse weather conditions, dangers when boarding one vessel from another, drilling mishaps, fire or explosion, exposure to X-ray, noise and toxic chemicals.

According to the British Medical Association, offshore platform fatalities are ten times greater than those in coal mining which ranks among the most hazardous occupations. Estimates show that the industry claims between 250 and 700 lives annually, aside from innumerable minor accidents.

As one hardened veteran put it: "Among the old-timers in the business, fingers are as rare as hen's teeth."

These, then, are the hardy breed of men, the so-called frontliners in the search for petroleum. And in ILO's reckoning, the role of workers and employers in reducing and controlling the hazards of offshore operations is crucial in these times of intensified oil exploration. It calls on employers to provide machinery and equipment for oil rigs which comply with national safety laws and regulations.

No less essential is the choice of workers, says ILO. They should be suited "by their physique, state of health, skill and ability to communicate" to jobs for which they are required.

The code stresses the need for proper training and re-training, taking into account the special potential risks associated with working offshore. One key recommendation is that the rig owner or contractor be required to appoint a full-time safety and health supervisor. A safety committee should also be set up in any project where the conditions warrant.

Other recommendations range from pre-caution involving the safe construction and use of scaffolding, ladders, lifting gear, welding and flame-cutting equipment, to protection against falling objects, excessive contact voltage, noise and vibration.

The code also reaffirms another basic principle in any workplace — medical examinations before, during and after employment. This assumes greater significance in the case of oil rig workers who are exposed — more than any others — to climatic, chemical and physical hazards.

French sites cleaned up in new plan

By Paul Webster

PARIS (LOS) — Twelve natural beauty or historical sites, including the Saint Tropez peninsula and the Mont Sainte-Victoire which inspired Cezanne, are to be protected under an urgent government order which could see unsightly buildings demolished and mining projects closed down for miles around.

The big clear-up, covering hundreds of thousands of acres, will be outlined by Environment Minister Michel Crepeau next week, despite strong opposition from local councils. The order will enable the government to forcibly end unsightly development and cancel all nearby projects such as power lines or new roads.

The 12 sites amount to a "most-treasured map" of French natural beauty or historical sites. In the case of the Saint Tropez peninsula, it will cover the resorts of Saint Tropez, La Croix-Valmer, Ramatuelle and Gassin. Tougher controls on camping sites and housing projects are expected.

In some areas, the new order will lead to the closing of mines, the dismantling of cable railways and the cancellation of proposed hydro-electric dams as well as roadside cafes and car parks. Several prospecting ventures, including searches for uranium and oil, may be halted.

The order will not only protect the sites themselves but areas for miles around, such as the case of Mont Saint Michel in Normandy where three departments will be affected. The other sites include a mountain in eastern France, the Ballon d'Alsace, Puy-Mary volcano in the Massif Central, and Raz Pointe in Finistere, which was recently threatened by the Plogoff nuclear-power project.

Western art loses appeal to Japanese

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO (LOS) — The color is fading from the Japanese art boom. To the distress of Western dealers, *nouveau riche* Japanese no longer find it fashionable to spend outrageous sums on European paintings.

Nobody analyzes the retreat of the Japanese more accurately than Sir John Figgess, a director of Christie's, the London auction house, who talked in the aftermath of a disastrous Christie's auction here, the third they have held in Japan since 1980.

"About eight or nine years ago, there was a tremendous boom in art," says Sir John, a former British Army colonel who spent some 20 years in Japan in diplomatic and official posts before joining Christie's in 1971. "Then the boom simply bustled" — a debacle that he attributes to the changing tastes of the Japanese buyers.

By the late 1970s, the Japanese were again buying but since then, Sir John adds painfully, "we have seen very little activity on the part of Japanese dealers on the world art market."

Christie's first Japanese auction in 1980 was a much-ballyhooed affair that resulted in sales of \$47.8 million. The figure plunged to 40 percent of that total last year, and fell again to some \$15 million, not enough for Christie's to break even.

The character of Christie's sale this year was different. It consisted of European prints sold alongside Japanese works, including traditional scrolls and Western-style paintings known as *Yohga*.

"The market here has calmed down too much for European paintings," a young Christie's representative said as Sir John waited to conduct the auction in Japanese. "Japanese buyers, when they do buy, would prefer to go to London or Paris themselves."

This is very much in contrast to 1979 and 1980, when paintings by Chagall and Renoir, among others, were the star attractions.

Most discouraging was what a visiting French dealer perceived as the lack of "passion" — listless bidding that edged prices to a level below original estimates. The highest priced work by a European artist, a Renoir lithograph, *Le Chapeau Epingle*, brought \$23,500 second place to \$98,000 for *Two Young Girls, Cas and Parisian Roof* by Tsuguji Fujita, a Japanese painter who made his career in Paris and died in 1968.

"I don't think Japanese understand this auction system," said a Japanese collector who had never before attended an auction. "People who are interested in European art may find it of some use as an investment, but we don't have so much chance to deal in auctions."

Sir John, who has been responsible for all Christie's Japanese auctions, believes they could become a Japanese tradition once the Japanese grow accustomed to them.

"We are becoming more efficient in operating here," he says. "We believe in time to come it will be worth it. It's a question of conditioning people to the idea of the public auction."

Sir John believes, too, that the essential strength of the Japanese economy, still growing in contrast to those of the other major democratic industrial nations, will justify the exercise.

"What's more," he adds, "the potential of the art market is great" — so great that he is convinced, Christie's should keep the foothold that it has gained here in the expectation of a renewed Japanese craze for Western art.

"The Japanese have learned a lot in the past 20 years about Western painting," he says. "The top dealers have studied the market. You've got a stagnant situation here. It's dicey, but when things go well, you can usually get better prices here than in London."

Indian objections stop Nepal becoming a 'peace zone'

By Aditya Mam Shrestha

KATHMANDU (Depthnews) — India's objections have kept King Birendra's proposal to declare Nepal a zone of peace in the deep freeze and have driven a wedge in the relations between the two countries.

Twenty-five countries have already endorsed the plan, but New Delhi's unwavering opposition has all but killed the king's pet foreign policy initiative. Among the countries which have endorsed the proposal are Saudi Arabia, Britain, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Iran and the five-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The major holdouts are the United States and the Soviet Union, which still have to declare their respective positions on the issue.

Since 1975 when King Birendra first broached the zone of peace proposal, India has ignored the king's initiative. But international pressure is building up and prime Minister Indira Gandhi may eventually have to face the issue squarely.

Recently, then Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy visited Nepal in an effort to persuade the king to soften his stand on the peace zone proposal but with little success. Reddy's trip was preceded by the visit of another top Indian official, Narasimha Rao last November.

Officially, India has called for an elaboration by Nepal of the proposal. Unless Nepal "spelled out the specifics of the plan," India would not be in a position to consider it seriously, said a government spokesman.

Indeed, Nepal has yet to present a concrete framework of the peace zone plan. After six years, Kathmandu has only presented the bare outline of the proposal. But Nepal feels that India is determined to stonewall the proposal, and its call for "specifics" was designed only to extract from Nepal the finer points of the proposal which it would oppose anyway.

Nepal insists that it is ready to spell out the specifics of the plan, but India must first

express a commitment to accept it in principle. The disagreement between Nepal and India over the peace zone bid represents only the tip of the iceberg of the silent political maneuverings between them.

The fact is Nepal is struggling to free itself of India's grip. On the other hand, India seems bent on retaining its influence on Nepal. The king believes that once Nepal is declared a zone of peace, it would free itself

of much of the age-old pressure coming from India.

King Birendra has stated that he does not foresee foreign aggression against Nepal coming from both India and China, the country's powerful neighbors.

What he fears most, he said, was that these countries that had been locked in political struggle in the past, would interfere in his country's internal affairs.

On the other hand, India has expressed apprehension that its agreement would undermine the peace and friendship treaty the two countries signed in 1950. This treaty commits two nations to perpetuate peace and they are to adhere to the rule of mutual consultations on military matters.

In case of aggression against one of the signatories, the treaty further states, each will come to the aid of the other. India's apprehension is also anchored on its belief that an international agreement would open the way for other countries, including those of the Third World, to interfere in its internal affairs.

India argues that such interference would endanger the defense and security of the subcontinent. Lately, India has added a new political dimension in its opposition to the peace zone proposal. It said that there's no need for Nepal to be declared a zone of peace because its security is guaranteed by India in the 1950 treaty.

But after more than 30 years, Nepal is remonstrating against the treaty which it describes as an "unequal treaty" foisted on a weak nation by a powerful neighbor.

Although Kathmandu has refrained from publicly demanding a revision or outright abrogation of the treaty apparently to avoid Indian retaliation, it has pointedly reminded India that several clauses of the treaty had become obsolete.

Nepal's policy of treading cautiously even on the peace zone proposal is understandable. India holds the key to Nepal's overland transit. India could easily choke off the landlocked country's trade and commerce by denying passage to Nepal through its territory.

Such an Indian action could easily bring about a de-stabilizing effect on Nepal's political and economic life. Moreover, India believes that the king's proposal should be assessed in light of larger political imperatives, specifically New Delhi's own plan to declare the subcontinent a nuclear-free and peace zone.



Depthnews Map By: Roy Pette

New drugs help victims

Best weapon against heart attack is prevention

By Sandy Rovner

WASHINGTON (WP) — There have been some major medical breakthroughs in the treatment of heart attacks in the past few years, some even within the past few months, such as the discovery that combining two classes of heart drugs — beta blockers and calcium channel blockers — may be a particularly efficacious way to protect heart attack survivors from having another attack. Physicians and researchers have a wealth of new knowledge about what causes heart attacks, what happens when they occur and what causes them to recur. These new diagnostic and surgical techniques and new drugs and combinations of drugs are revolutionizing treatment. But prevention is still the best weapon, and, tragically, perhaps the least utilized.

Prevention depends as much (or more) on the individual as it does on the doctor.

And although there are certain immutable things tending to predispose some individuals to heart attack or stroke, there are other things that can significantly reduce what the medical community now calls the risk factors.

Dr. Edward B. Diethrich, cardiologist, heart surgeon, medical director of the Arizona Heart Institute, and just-named heart consultant to the President's Council on Physical Fitness, has devised a test called "the cardiovascular risk factor analysis." It is based on the kind of testing he and his staff do at the institute, but is specifically designed for people before they become patients.

The bare bones test is reprinted here. An expanded version, with more details about how you can make it work for you, is included in Diethrich's book, *The Arizona Heart Insti-*

tute's Heart Test (Cornerstone-Simon Schuster, \$6.95. Proceeds to heart research.) The good news, says Diethrich, is that even if your score is in the danger zone (36 or more) "You can actually do something about reducing your risk of heart attack and stroke."

A little more than a year ago, ABC's 20-20 did a segment on Diethrich's work and, as it were, administered the heart test to the TV viewing public. To the astonishment of Diethrich — and ABC — there were 250,000 responses from people who took the test. More than just a phenomenon, it gave Diethrich's research arm, the International Heart Foundation, a hefty sample on which to base a test of the test itself.

Diethrich advertised for volunteers, won some financing and the help of the computer department of the University of Arizona. The subsequent follow up disclosed that those responding viewers who had scored 36 or more were under a doctor's care or had already undergone angiograms and bypass surgery.

The risk factors that you have no control over, obviously, are your age, sex, and family and personal histories — one through four on the chart. No. 5, diabetes, can be lessened as a factor, although not eliminated.

But the rest of the factors are pretty much up to the individual. Not easy, mind you, but look at it this way:

Take Al. He is 56 years old. His mother had a heart attack. He had a mild stroke when he was 50. His score is already 24.

Say he smokes two packs a day and is probably 30 pounds overweight. That brings him up to 36 (high risk) already and that doesn't even count his blood pressure, which is bound to be high — perhaps because he is overweight, perhaps because he is also an A-type

personality in a stressful job with no stress-management training. (Add another 10 or 15 points.)

Al is no dope, so when he reads this, he stops smoking at once, goes on a low-fat, low-calorie diet, joins a health club and takes a course in relaxation techniques like biofeedback. He also goes to his doctor and lets it all hang out.

His doctor is no dope either and is up on the latest techniques. Al's doctor does a series of blood tests that measure the cholesterol level and the level of high-density lipoproteins (HDLs) in his blood. (At the moment, cardiologists tend to see HDLs as a protection against heart attacks, but some studies seem to link them to increased cancer. "The answers aren't all in yet," says Diethrich.)

Al's blood pressure is up and his doctor puts him on a mild drug for hypertension — probably, at first, a diuretic. He encourages Al's exercise and no-smoking routines and recommends he limit his salt intake. Al is doing fine, but he breaks a foot in a cross-country ski mishap and so much for the exercise. Still, he isn't smoking — but he isn't losing weight either.

At his next visit, his cholesterol (the stuff that clogs arteries) is still high and his doctor sees other trouble signs, such as breathlessness and occasional, transient chest pain. So Al is sent on to a specialist for a stress test combined with new nuclear medical techniques. These can actually permit cardiologists to observe the distribution of blood in the heart vessels while the patient is exercising. Another such test measures how well the chambers of the heart called the ventricles are contracting.

Combining the stress test with nuclear medicine has weeded out many potential candidates for angiography, now an almost last-resort technique in which a dye is injected into the arteries and any blockage shows up on X-ray movies that follow the course of the dye within the arterial system. Angiography is not without its risks, although it is essential when other tests are positive or equivocal.

Let's say that Al's tests are okay. By this time he has had, as they say, the fear of God put into him, gets himself into a healthful lifestyle and dies at the age of 92 after a fight with his fifth wife.

But his ambitious, hard-driving colleague Esme, has a heart attack. That is, the blood supply to a part of her heart is blocked. Esme is lucky. She is a good candidate for a technique in which a balloon-tipped catheter is inserted into the artery and blown up, dilating the blood vessel and thereby permitting blood to flow into the heart. Had more than one artery been blocked, or had it been the left main artery, she might have been a candidate for bypass surgery. (This is still the best option in certain cases, says Diethrich, despite recent indications that it has too often been performed on patients who might have done quite as well on drug therapy.) Although women, in general, are less at risk, more and more of them are having heart problems, other than the romantic kind, recent statistics show.

It wasn't just chance, by the way, that (fictional) Al's five wives helped in his ultimate longevity. New studies have indicated that loneliness may be an important factor in the onset of fatal heart attacks or stroke. Al also was a tropical fish collector and, although he never realized it, watching fish has been shown to lower blood pressure. Pets do too.

And finally, new tests are suggesting that once again the old wives had it right: Al's fight with his wife may indeed have triggered that final attack. Sudden stresses, like fright or fights, death or divorce can upset the heart's electrical system enough to set off an attack in susceptible persons.

Take the test. If your score is over 30, see your doctor. If it's over 36, and you are not yet under a doctor's care, better call him today. If it's over 20, the suggestions in Diethrich's book may help. In any case, don't panic. If Al could do it, couldn't you?

For more information write Arizona Heart Institute, P.O. Box 10,000, Phoenix, Ariz. 85064.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

Heart Test: How is your heart?

1. Age: 56 or more, score 1; 55 or under, score 0;

2. Sex: Male, score 1; female, 0

3. Family history: If you have blood relatives who have had a heart attack or stroke before age 60, score 12; blood relatives with a known history of heart disease at or before age 60 but no heart attacks or stroke, 10; blood relatives who have had a heart attack or stroke after age 60, 6, no blood relatives who have had a heart attack or stroke, 0.

4. Personal history: 50 or under, if you had either a heart attack, stroke or blood vessel surgery, 20; 51 or over, if you had any of the above, 10; none of the above, 0.

5. Diabetes: Before age 40 and now on insulin, 10; diabetes at or after age 40 and not on insulin or pills, 5; diabetes controlled by diet, or diabetes after age 55, 3; no diabetes, 0.

6. Smoking: Two packs a day, 10; between one and two packs per day or quit smoking less than a year ago, 6; if you smoke six or more cigars a day or inhale a pipe regularly, 6; less than one pack per day or quit smoking more than one year ago, 3; never smoked, 0.

7. Cholesterol (If cholesterol count is not known, answer question No. 8) Cholesterol level — 272 or above, 10; between 225 and 275, 5; 224 or below, 0.

8. Diet: (If you have answered question No. 7, do not answer this question) Does your normal eating pattern include: One serving of red meat daily, more than seven eggs a week, and daily consumption of butter, whole milk and cheese, 8; red meat 4-6 times a week, 4-7 eggs a week, margarine, low-fat dairy products, and some cheese, 4; poultry, fish, little or no red meat, three or less eggs a week, some margarine, skim milk, and skim milk products, 0.

9. High blood pressure: If either number is: 160 over 100 (160-100) or higher, 10; 140 over 90 (140-90) but less than 160 over 100 (160-100), 5; if both numbers are less than 140 over 90 (140-90), 0.

10. Weight: (Ideal weight formula: men, 110 lbs. plus 5 lbs. for each inch over 5 feet; women, 100 lbs. plus 5 lbs. for each inch over 5 feet) 25 lbs. overweight, 4; 10-24 lbs. overweight, 2; less than 10 lbs overweight, 0.

11. Exercise: Do you engage in any aerobic exercise (brisk walking, jogging, bicycling, racketball, swimming) for more than 15 minutes: less than once a week, 4; 1-2 times a week, 2; 3 or more times a week, 0.

12. Stress: Are you: frustrated when waiting in line, often in a hurry to complete work or keep appointments, easily angered, irritable, 4; impatient when waiting, occasionally hurried or occasionally moody, 2; comfortable when waiting, seldom/rushed, and easygoing, 0.

Scoring: Tabulate your points and compare them with the figures below. Note: a high score does not mean you will develop heart disease. It merely is a guide to make you aware of a potential risk. Since no two people are alike, an exact prediction is impossible without further individualized testing.

With answer to question 9 high risk, 40 and above; medium risk, 20-39; low risk, 19 and below.

Without answer to question 9. high risk, 36 and above; medium risk, 19-35 low risk, 18 and below.

NEXT WEEK'S TOPICS



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Saturday March 6

Monday March 8

Wife believes husband is working himself to death.

Arthritic sufferers may be helped by arthroplasty (replacing joints) or "resurfacing" (scraping an affected bone and capping with a metal head).

Sunday March 7

Sweets in themselves don't cause diabetes. But indirectly they may be the cause for it's obesity that often contributes to diabetes.

Resentment can kill. It can weaken the heart as well as bore holes in the stomach and intestines to cause ulcers.

In one report youngsters choking on hot dogs was responsible for 25 percent of the cases investigated. Ages varied between just under one year to seven.

Only one in 20-60,000 births occur in women older than 50 years. The oldest reported case of successful pregnancy was 52 years old.

Tuesday March 9

There's nothing more specific for prevention of a cold than for treating it. A good point to remember is that hands are more likely to spread cold viruses than discharges from the nose.

Wednesday March 10

It's evident that all sorts of precautionary measures are being taken so that you will have confidence in your pilot — grayhaired or not.

Dr. Steincrohn Discusses:



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Haig rules out combat troops

External help seen to Salvador leftists

WASHINGTON, March 3 (Agencies) — The United States has irrefutable proof that left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador are under external control, according to Secretary of State Alexander Haig. But he ruled out sending U.S. combat troops to the country even if the guerrillas seemed to be gaining the upper hand in their fight against the U.S.-backed ruling junta.

Haig also told the House of representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Tuesday that Central America was of vital importance to U.S. security and he rejected parallels between U.S. involvements in El Salvador and Vietnam.

Haig gave no details to back up his assertion that the insurgents were not controlled by Salvadorans, but he said the evidence was presented in detail to congressional intelligence

committees in the past week. "The evidence is overwhelming and irrefutable," he said. "The operations of the guerrilla forces inside Salvador are controlled from external command and control."

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director William Casey said in an interview this week that the insurgency was "run out of Managua (Nicaragua's capital) by professionals experienced in directing guerrilla wars."

Haig said Cuba and its newly found ally Nicaragua presented a growing threat to Caribbean nations. The infiltration of arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador was approaching the level recorded prior to the guerrillas' failed "final offensive" a year ago, he said. But Haig used stronger language than he has previously in assuring the committee that the administration was not considering using U.S. combat troops in El Salvador.

Asked if he would favor sending combat troops if a guerrilla victory appeared imminent, he said: "Not at all. I don't know any official in the executive who suggested for a moment that consideration is being given to direct involvement by American forces in Salvador."

Asked whether there would be a revolution in El Salvador without external intervention, Haig said the Central American country had already had a revolution that led to the current movement toward democratic elections. "The destruction of that (democratic) process is coming from Cuba and the Soviet Union," he added.

Meanwhile, President Jose Napoleon Duarte appealed to "the democratic people of the world" Tuesday to support his junta's plan to hold elections in El Salvador despite efforts by leftist guerrillas to scuttle them. "We need support of the democratic people of the world to give a change to those people (here) who do not want violence, who do not want assassinations, who want democracy," Duarte told a news conference in La Libertad.

Duarte said that in the elections of a constituent assembly scheduled for March 28, Salvadorans will be having the most dramatic ideological battle of America. "We are not only fighting for El Salvador, we are also fighting for the democracies of Latin America," he said in answer to a question.

His junta of one army general and three civilians, dominated by Christian Democrats, hopes the elections will "naturally" defuse the 28-month-old guerrilla, that has claimed an estimated 32,000 lives to date.

Duarte's centrist Christian Democratic Party is competing with five rightist parties for 60 seats on the assembly, which will elect a provisional executive, rewrite the constitution and decide under what rules elections for a president and national authorities will be held, probably next year.

Leftist leaders, whose people are fighting to topple the U.S.-backed junta, are boycotting the elections.

Germans probe 'ghost' story

REGENSBURG, West Germany, March 3 (AFP) — Chopper, the so-called ghost that has haunted a dentist's office for the past several months by hurling insults at the dentist and his patients, may simply be a ventriloquist's hoax. That possibility has been raised by several West German publications, including the weekly news magazine *Der Spiegel*, and by the prosecutors' office in Regensburg, in eastern Bavaria.

The news came on the heels of an investigation that brought together experts, telecommunications technicians, counter espionage experts and even psychiatrists. The element that most stumped the investigators was the fact that Chopper uttered his obscene words only when the medical secretary, 16-year-old Claudia Judemann, was present. One theory was that Chopper had fallen hopelessly in love with Miss Judemann.

But another, which *Der Spiegel* itself advanced, was that the young secretary herself had shouted the insults, such as "shut your mouth, you have bad breath," *Der Spiegel*, like a number of other news organizations, sent a special correspondent to the scene to investigate.

The correspondent reported that Miss Judemann has continually avoided being seen, photographed or filmed frontally while talking with Chopper. The *Der Spiegel* reporter also said the discussions always took place in the form of questions and answers, and never did both Miss Judemann and Chopper speak simultaneously.

The magazine's finding was the same as that of a Bavarian television team, which noted that the discussions between Chopper and Miss Judemann were composed of a series of monosyllabic words.

Traveling around world Cloud mystifies scientists

MAUNALOHA, Hawaii, March 3 (Agencies) — A large cloud has been traveling around the world for more than a month, and has been leaving meteorologists perplexed as to its origins and composition. The cloud, which is three kms long and of varying thicknesses, is invisible to the naked eye. It is too large to have been caused by a nuclear explosion, according to Thomas Defoor, a scientist at the Mauna Loa Geophysical Observatory.

Defoor, who was the first U.S. scientist to have noticed the cloud, said it could have come from an undetected volcanic eruption in the Aleutian Islands between Alaska and the eastern Soviet Union, or in the southern hemisphere. The cloud has traveled around the world at least four times. It was first noticed by Japanese scientists, who were also unable to explain the phenomenon, Defoor said. Laser telescope examinations carried out in Europe also failed to determine the origin of the cloud, he added.

The Hawaii observatory picked up the

cloud with lidar, in which laser light is bounced off the atmosphere like radar sound waves are bounced off an object. A telescope measures how much laser light is reflected back to earth. Defoor said the Japanese and Europeans use different lidar methods, so it is difficult for them to put their heads together and come up with an explanation.

It may have been caused by a volcanic eruption, Defoor said, but scientists haven't been able to identify any recent volcanic activity that fits the bill. At the Hawaii observatory, scientist Robert Decker speculated a volcanic eruption might have occurred in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska.

"There are earthquakes in the Aleutians at the time," Decker said, and an eruption might have been mistaken for an earthquake on worldwide seismographic devices. There are no lidars in the southern hemisphere, Defoor said, making it difficult to determine if the cloud originated there and moved north.

Kilimanjaro airport closure follows note on hijacking bid

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania, March 3 (Agencies) — A note claiming hijackers of an Air Tanzania jetliner last weekend didn't do "a good job" was found by a 10-year-old girl aboard a domestic flight and forced the closure of Kilimanjaro airport in northern Tanzania for eight hours, authorities said Wednesday.

Minister for Home Affairs Brig. Muhadien Kimario denied any explosives were found aboard the Air Tanzania plane. Sources at Kilimanjaro airport said Tuesday that a bomb had been found. Kimario said the note found aboard the plane "said something about the hijackers not having done a good job."

An Air Tanzania flight hijacked last Friday by four men demanding the resignation of President Julius Nyerere went on a 48-hour odyssey through Kenya, Saudi Arabia and

Bilateralism stressed in India, Pakistan issues

NEW DELHI, March 3 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said Wednesday that all problems with Pakistan, including Kashmir, should be settled at the bilateral level as stipulated in the Simla Agreement signed between the two countries in 1972. Speaking to the press during a stopover at Ranchi Airport in the state of Bihar, Mrs. Gandhi stressed that she failed to understand why Pakistan had raised the Kashmir issue at the Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

The prime minister was referring to a statement by Pakistani Ambassador Agha Hilaly at the Human Rights Commission last month comparing the Kashmir dispute with the Palestinian and Namibian issues. Hilaly's remarks have already prompted India to cancel a proposed meeting in Islamabad between the foreign secretaries of the two countries to discuss a proposed no-war pact.

British alliance rating falls

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Britain's new centrist alliance between the Social Democrats and the Liberal Party has lost ground against the Conservatives and Labor, but still holds a slender lead with electors, according to an opinion poll in the *Daily Star* Wednesday.

The Market and Opinion Research International poll, conducted Feb. 18-22 among 1,895 voters around the country, showed that 34 percent would vote for the alliance in a general election. Thirty percent said they would vote for the ruling Conservatives and 33 percent for the divided opposition Labor Party.

A similar poll last month gave the alliance 40 percent, with 29 percent for the Conservatives and 30 percent for Labor. Another poll published in *The Scotsman*, Scotland's most authoritative daily, showed support in Scotland for the alliance has fallen by 5 percent in

the last three months.

It gave the alliance 29 percent of the vote against 34 percent in a similar survey last November. Labor was the main beneficiary of the SDP-Liberal slippage.

Thirty-nine percent of the 1,100 Scottish voters questioned said they would back Labor against 36 percent in November. The Conservatives' share slipped from 18 percent in November to 17 percent. The Scottish National Party took 14 percent against 13 percent last November.

The Scotsman's poll came as Roy Jenkins, one of the SDP's founders, prepared to fight a special parliamentary election in Glasgow's Hillhead district March 25.

The two polls Wednesday reflected a big nationwide drop in the alliance's ratings a year after it was formed amid great fanfare and speculation it could provide the first major realignment in British politics for more than a half-century.

Craft discovers Venus dark brown

MOSCOW, March 3 (R) — A Soviet space probe which landed on Venus Monday established that the surface of the planet is dark brown, the official news agency Tass has announced. It said the craft, *Venus-13*, had been able to transmit high quality color pictures it turned up more than two hours after setting down on the scorching surface.

The craft had landed in a sandy and rocky area and sent back picture signals which were being assembled into a composite view of its surroundings. Tass said it would be some time before this work was done, but scientists had already deduced that the rocks and surrounding landscape were all dark brown.

Venus is shrouded in fast moving yellow clouds, which has hindered examination of the planet's surface from orbiting spacecraft. The craft also carried out other tests on the surface of the planet, Tass said Tuesday. These included analyzing rock samples and hammering a metal probe into the ground to test the strength of the rocks and measure electricity.

A drill extended from the craft first dug out a small sample of rock and this was then sucked on board. The rock was cooled and examined to establish its chemical composition, while gases drawn in with the sample were also analyzed, Tass said.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — There have been signs of progress in talks on saving *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* from closure, their owner Rupert Murdoch said here Tuesday. He has threatened to close both papers because of financial losses if there is no agreement with trade unions on shedding 600 jobs from the work force. Appeals for voluntary redundancies have met with little response.

LONDON, (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II Wednesday opened a huge new cultural center in London that took 30 years to design, finance, argue about and finally build. The Barbican Center for Arts and Conferences in London's financial district becomes the new home of the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

BONN, (AFP) — West German President Karl Carstens will visit China in October to mark the tenth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, a reliable source said here Wednesday. The visit will be the first to Peking by a West German head of state.

LONDON, (AFP) — Sonia Sutcliffe, 31,

the wife of convicted "Yorkshire Ripper" killer Peter Sutcliffe, has been granted a judicial separation from her husband, informed legal sources reported Wednesday. Sutcliffe was sentenced to life imprisonment in May 1981, for killing 13 women in a series of murders over five years. Mrs. Sutcliffe asked for the separation on grounds of "unreasonable behavior."

NAIROBI, Kenya, (AP) — A bomb explosion early Wednesday caused slight damage to Uganda's main coffee processing plant in the Kampala industrial area, Uganda Radio reported. It quoted Minister of Internal Affairs John Luwuliza Kirunda as saying the plant was continuing to function despite the damage. There was no mention of casualties.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Philip K. Dick, author of 35 science fiction novels, including the 1962 Hugo Award-winning *The Man in the High Castle*, died Tuesday in California at the age of 53, his publisher said. Dick was a native of Chicago but spent most of his life in California and was residing in Santa Ana at the time of his death.

U.S. intelligence report

Soviet naval program found 'less impressive'

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — The U.S. Navy's intelligence chief told Congress that Soviet naval construction eased somewhat last year but is expected to surge again this year.

Rear Adm. Sumer Shapiro, director of naval intelligence, said Tuesday that 1981 "was somewhat less impressive than 1980 when six new classes of submarines and major surface combatants were produced" in Soviet shipyards.

"From this standpoint, 1981 can be characterized as a period in which the Soviets were catching their breath following a spectacular year," Shapiro said in a report.

"I expect them to pick up the pace again this year, including the first unit of another large class of cruisers." The naval intelligence chief gave his report to a House of Representatives Armed Services Subcommittee in secret. A censored version was made available at the Pentagon.

Unlike a report he gave about a year ago, Shapiro disclosed no new types of vessels are being built for the Soviet Navy. However, even though Shapiro said there were no spectacular gains, he reported progress in naval developments across the board.

For example, he said the Soviets "made significant progress" in testing a new long-range missile, the SS-20, for its giant typhoon submarine and evaluating new Cruise missiles.

Shapiro listed these highlights in the Soviet naval program:

The Soviets will soon launch their fourth 40,000-ton Kiev-class aircraft carrier, adding to their navy's ability to carry seaborne airpower to distant waters.

The Soviet Union's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, displacing possibly 70,000

tons, is expected to be operational by the end of the decade. There have been repeated references to such a ship under construction in past reports, but virtually no details have ever been provided. The biggest U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carriers displace more than 90,000 tons.

A second Kirov-class cruiser, one of the most heavily armed ships in the world, has been launched and is being prepared for sea trials probably next year. The Kirov, displacing about 28,000 tons, is the Soviet Union's first nuclear-powered surface warship.

The Soviet Navy completed initial sea trials for two new classes of guided-missile destroyers.

Storm batters northern India

NEW DELHI, March 3 (AP) — A late winter storm continued to batter northern India with hail and heavy snow as the storm-related death toll rose to 16 over the past two days, news reports said Wednesday.

Eight persons died in Kanpur, 400 kms southeast of here, during an unusually severe storm that pounded the area with hailstones the size of tennis balls, according to news reports. A roof collapsed during a similar hailstorm at Mathura, 150 kms south of New Delhi, killing three persons and injuring 25.

Heavy snow toppled trees and snapped power lines in Simla, 300 kms to the north, leaving residents of the capital of Himachal Pradesh state shivering in minus 3.6-degree Celsius (25-degree Fahrenheit) temperatures. Five persons were reported killed, two when the roof of their house collapsed and three from fumes from a stove.

Schmidt pleads for battle tank plan

BONN, March 3 (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has appealed to members of West Germany's parliamentary defense, budget and foreign affairs committees to save a Franco-German tank project under fire from all the Bonn parties.

Schmidt told committee members Tuesday from the governing Social Democratic (SPD) and Free Democratic (FDP) parties that the plan to build a main battle tank for the 1990s was important for Franco-German friendship, an SPD spokesman said.

He said President Francois Mitterrand had reaffirmed France's interest in the project during talks in Paris last week, the spokesman added. The project was agreed in 1980 by Schmidt and French President Valery Gis-

card d'Estaing.

It has been attacked by parliamentary defense experts, senior army officers and the West German arms industry as costly, unnecessary and unfeasible. The conservative Bonn opposition also opposes the scheme. Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher backed Schmidt at Tuesday's session, but sources at the meeting said the deputies remained skeptical.

In the only public comment after the meeting, FDP deputy Kurt Jung renewed demands for the tank to be scrapped and replaced by a combat helicopter.

The project will now be discussed again by each of the three committees and a decision could be reached by the end of this month.



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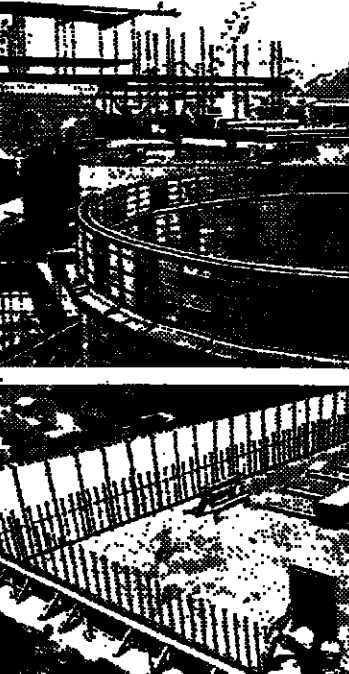

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With U.K. slashing \$4

OPEC faces price-cutting war

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Britain's decision to slash the price of its North Sea oil by \$4 to \$31 a barrel could trigger a price-cutting war in the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC), energy specialists speculated Wednesday.

London's move Tuesday means Britain has for the first time taken the lead in fixing world oil prices. The British proposed that the price cut, bigger than expected, be frozen until June in an apparent bid to bring a measure of stability to the increasingly erratic world oil market.

The British decision and a price reduction of \$2.50 to \$25.29 a barrel by Venezuela, an OPEC member, Tuesday increased pressure on OPEC producers to lower their tariffs.

Mexico and Iran, desperate for petrodollars to bankroll its war with neighboring Iraq, have also lowered prices in recent weeks.

Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdel-Karim Tuesday called for an emergency meeting of OPEC to discuss the weakness of the world oil market and what appears to be a growing crisis for the organization that has pushed up oil prices to high levels in recent years.

OPEC's chairman, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mansur Oteiba Wednesday continued a fence-mending tour of member states in a bid to heal a widening rift within the organization triggered by a big drop in the world demand for oil.

There was no sign that Oteiba was making much progress. He said an OPEC conference would be convened if "a majority of member states decide for it." The price of Britain's North Sea crude is informally linked with the price of Saudi Arabia's best quality oil. The Saudi Arabian grade is currently pegged at \$34 a barrel, the OPEC benchmark.

With the traditionally low demand period of the summer approaching, there was speculation that oil prices could tumble to around \$25 a barrel. Most OPEC oil ranges between

\$30.20 and \$37 a barrel at present.

Britain currently is producing 1.9 million barrels a day from 20 North Sea fields, higher than any OPEC country apart from Saudi Arabia, the non-Communist world's biggest producer.

Britain, through the state-owned British National Oil Corp., has slashed its prices by 11.4 percent in the last month, making its high-quality crude the cheapest of its kind in the world. BNOC handles around two-third of Britain's North Sea output.

By taking the unaccustomed role of price-setter, Britain now is undercutting its direct OPEC competitors, Nigeria, Libya and

Algeria, by up to \$6 for every 35-gallon barrel.

The drop in oil prices follows a major glut on the world market of a surplus of around 4 million a day. This stems from a deep economic recession that has reduced demand for oil.

OPEC production last year was down to its lowest level since 1969 and now is estimated at 20 million barrels a day, just under half the total world output.

OPEC production reached a peak of around 30 million barrels a day two or three years ago.

Oil pollution at sea plummets

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — Oil pollution on the world's oceans has dropped significantly over the past 10 years, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) said in its latest report published here.

IMO estimated that the amount of petroleum hydrocarbons polluting the sea has dropped about 40 percent from more than six million tons a year in 1971 to 3.6 million tons last year.

The IMO report follows a "workshop" session organized by the United States National Academy of Sciences in Florida, last November.

It attributes the improvement to the fact that it is no longer legal for tankers to discharge unlimited quantities of oily wastes outside the prohibited zone — normally 50 miles (80 km) from land.

IMO said that surveillance of illegal discharges has been tightened up in many countries, that there is a greater awareness of the need for anti-pollution regulations, and that the "dramatic" increase in the oil price dis-

courages waste. It also highlights the "cleaner seas" provisions which are now included in charter party agreements and mean that operators no longer have to shoulder the full cost of keeping oily residues on board ship.

But IMO warned that sea pollution was still encouraged by the preponderance of ageing tankers, the shortage of well-equipped new tankers and the growing number of less-experienced tanker operators.

It also noted that world oil traffic and merchant fleets had grown sharply over the past 10 years, with the tanker fleet tonnage doubling from 169,354,730 deadweight tons to 339,801,719 deadweight tons.

Oil pollution from accidents at sea doubled over the decade to an average estimate of 390,000 tons a year. But most other big causes of sea pollution — dropped sharply. Industrial wastes halved to 1.4 million tons a year, as did pollution from engine exhaust fumes to 300,000 tons. And losses from production platforms fell from an estimated 80,000 tons a year to 50,000 tons despite a big increase in the number of such platforms.

U.S. trade with Russia rises 30%

MOSCOW, March 3, (R) — Trade between the United States and Soviet Union grew by more than a third during 1981, but still lagged well behind the levels of the late 1970s, according to statistics released here.

An analysis published by the U.S. Commercial Office said trade turnover between the two countries had risen to \$2.69 billion a 37 percent increase over the 1980 figure.

As in previous years, the trade balance was heavily in America's favor. U.S. exports rose 55 percent to \$2.34 billion, while Soviet sales to the U.S. slumped by nearly a quarter to \$347 million.

Agricultural exports, mainly grain, made up more than 70 percent of U.S. sales, with fertilizer and tracklaying equipment taking up most of the rest.

The 1982 figures showed that trade was running at little over half the level it reached in 1978-1979. The first business slump came when the U.S. imposed sanctions on Moscow in 1980 after it intervened in Afghanistan. Since then poor political relations have been blamed by businessmen for the low level of commercial activity.

French shares continue to slide

PARIS, March 3 (AFP) — French shares dropped an overall 0.4 percent in trading here Wednesday.

Dealers said a factor Wednesday was the behavior of Wall Street, where a further decline occurred late Tuesday after an initial rise. In Paris Wednesday, selling was fairly well absorbed.

Just like Poland

Romania seeks debt delay

FRANKFURT, March 3 (AP) — Romania has become the second East European country to tell Western lenders it cannot meet payments on debts from 1981 and 1982, sources here said.

Frankfurt banking sources, who requested anonymity, said the Foreign Trade Bank of Romania asked in a telex received late Monday by Western banks to delay payment of \$3 billion due in 1981 and 1982 to Western banks, governments and businesses.

This followed news that Poland failed to meet a Feb. 15 deadline for paying interest due in 1981 to Western banks. Banking sources, who requested anonymity, said Western banks had expressed disappointment over the failure in a telegram sent to the Polish Finance Ministry and Bank Handlowy, Poland's foreign trade bank, from London last Friday.

Bank Handlowy replied that technical difficulties prevented it from honoring its obligations and assured creditors Poland would

complete interest payments by the end of March, the sources said.

Swiss Bank Corp. General director Francis Christe Tuesday said Poland still owes Western banks some \$75 million in interest due in 1981.

Repayment of all interest on Poland's 1981 debt is a precondition set by Western banks for the signing of an agreement to reschedule the Communist country's \$2.4 billion in outstanding Western debt due in 1981.

Frankfurt banking sources said Romania had proposed rescheduling repayment of debt due in 1981 and 1982 after six and a half years, after a five-year grace period at interest rate 1.75 percent above the London interbank offered rate and with a one percent rescheduling fee.

The sources said the Romanians offered to pay a remaining \$600 million — equivalent of all the 1982 debt — on schedule, providing a rescheduling agreement was signed first with Western creditors.

U.S., Canada aid dips -- FAO

ROME, March 3 (AFP) — The United States and Canada are among food donor countries that are falling down on their food aid commitments to the Third World, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) said here Wednesday.

Pinpointing the U.S. and Canada in their capacity as the world's top grain producers, it said there had been a constant decline in food aid to the developing countries since 1978.

In the accountability year 1981-82 some 400,000 tons of food could not be delivered due to budget economies ordered by the U.S. government, the FAO noted. Allocations for the year were now 8,200,000 tons against the original quantity of 9,200,000 tons.

The decline was occurring despite efforts by the European Economic Community (EEC) to catch up on the backlog under the food aid program.

In the past four years food aid had dropped, but other forms of support were not forthcoming, the FAO said. The figures were: 9,500,000 tons in 1978-79, 9,000,000

in 1979-80, 8,400,000 in 1980-81 and 8,800,000 tons earmarked for 1981-82 but yet to be allocated in practice.

The FAO recalled that in 1974 the world food conference recommended 10,000,000 tons per annum as a minimum figure for any serious attack on famine.

The FAO was specially worried about the U.S. trend. The 1982 budget provided for 5,100,000 tons of food, including 4,800,000 tons of grain, for 1983 the figure would fall to 4,900,000 tons, and the decline would continue after that, the organization noted.

Canada's grain aid had steadily fallen since 1976 and now seemed to be level at 600,000 tons a year, its minimum written commitment.

On the other hand Australia had doubled its aid in five years and Japan was honoring its promises. The European Economic Community (EEC) would this year finance 1,900,000 tons of Third World aid plus 250,000 tons in emergency supplies.

Jaruzelski fails to reassure Soviets

MOSCOW, March 3 (AFP) — Explanations about Poland's economic future just given here by Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski do not appear to have won wholehearted support from Kremlin chiefs, who are still worried about attacks on Socialist economic orthodoxy and aware of limits to aid they can give.

This was the prevailing view here Wednesday after a 48-hour visit by the head of the Polish government and Communist Party, who returned home Tuesday. But the differences, believed to relate as much to reform proposals attributed to Warsaw as to details of Soviet aid — the two being closely linked, were cleverly concealed in the atmosphere of reunion given to the meeting. Gen. Jaruzelski was surrounded by signs of understanding which contrasted singularly with the cool cordiality encountered by the Polish leadership earlier.

Informed Soviet sources said Jaruzelski could hardly have been more reassuring his resolve to keep Poland in the Socialist orbit.

A joint communique was explicit in this regard. Jaruzelski said he would "cut short with the utmost energy any attempt to resume actions aimed at sabotaging the economy, rekindling anarchy and disorder, and modifying the social and political regime".

Comparable assurances were given to the Kremlin leaders on the unbreakable links between Poland and the USSR and the defense of the Yalta achievements, and on converging views in the face of Western meddling.

But Soviet observers noted that the official Soviet news agency Tass referred to "a concordance of views" without saying this was "total" — a significant difference in this part of the world.

Clearly, the Soviet and Polish leaders agreed when they lambasted Western economic sanctions and, in passing, warned European countries against any attempt to go as far as the United States.

The joint communique spoke of "declared

blackmail, pressure, attempts to sap the peaceful structure of relations between states, and the threat to peace and security in Europe".

But the communique was relatively vague on one of the basic themes of the talks here, the evolution of the Polish economy and assistance from the USSR.

Just one out of the 23 pages in the Russian language document listed Poland's needs (energy products, raw materials and equipment), reaffirming that the USSR promised to continue its aid. For the moment the Kremlin has merely expressed its wish to associate the Socialist community in the work of Poland's recovery and to see Soviet-Polish trade return to a measure of balance.

Japan, Spain win Moroccan order

TOKYO, March 3 (AP) — A group of Japanese and Spanish firms have received a 50 billion yen (\$213 million) order from Morocco for construction of a large sulphuric acid fertilizer manufacturing plant in that African nation. Mitsui and Co., one of the group, said Wednesday.

Mitsui identified the other firms as Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Co. of Japan and Foment de Comercio Exterior S.A. (FOCOEX), Spain's foreign trade corporation.

Under a contract to be signed with the Office Cheriffien des Phosphates (OCP), Morocco's royal phosphate ore corporation, in April, the Japanese and Spanish firms will build a plant capable of producing 13,800 tons of sulphuric acid a day by 1985 in El Jorf Lasfer, 100 kilometers (62 miles) south of Casablanca, the officials said.

They said OCP will use yen credits to be extended by the Japanese firms and fungible development aid by FOCOEX to finance the construction, but details of payment terms are still to be negotiated, the officials said.

Bonn said vulnerable to crises

BOON, March 3, (R) — A growing reliance on exports is making West Germany more vulnerable to international crises, a leading German industrialist has said.

The country exported one-third of its gross national product (GNP) last year whereas the United States exported only seven to eight percent and Japan 12 percent, Otto Wolff von Amerongen, president of the German

Belgian bank rate cut

BRUSSELS, March 3 (AFP) — The Belgian central bank Wednesday announced a one point drop in its bank rate from 14 to 13 percent.

The reduction comes into effect Thursday.

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As imports decline

Inflation eases in West, IMF says

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — Consumer price inflation in industrial countries eased in December for the third consecutive month, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reported.

Prices declined to a 9.2 percent annual rate of increase in December from 9.5 percent in November and 9.8 percent in October. Nine of the countries for which December figures were available had lower rates of increase than they had in 1980, while eight had higher rates, the fund said.

"The December result reflected wide-

spread success in restraining consumer prices in many countries, notably in Italy, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States, where consumer prices in December rose at substantially lower annual rates than the average increase in 1980," the fund said in the March issue of *International Financial Statistics*, its monthly publication.

Other countries with lower rates of increase included Denmark, Finland and Spain. "In a number of other countries however, December rate of consumer price inflation remained above the 1980 pace despite recent success in curbing price gains," the fund said. These included Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland. The fund said the rate in non-oil developing countries in November the latest month for which the group average is available, remained unchanged.

The fund said there was improvement, particularly pronounced, in Chile, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Venezuela and — among European non-industrial countries — the deceleration of consumer prices was more pronounced, particularly in Turkey.

Among the developing countries, Venezuela's rate fell nearly 11 percentage points. Sri Lanka's by nearly 8, Chile's by almost 26, and Japan's by more than 22.

The fund said partial returns from 11 industrial countries showed a continued slowing of trade in December. Most industrial countries registered lower imports in November, and four — Austria, Norway, Sweden and the United States — recorded gains. All of the industrial group recorded lower exports in the fourth quarter of 1981 than a year earlier except West Germany and Switzerland. U.S. shipments remained virtually unchanged between the two periods.

West Germany's export performance improved by 2.5 percent and Switzerland's 1.2 percent. The largest import slumps in the period were recorded by Austria with a decline of 10.3 percent, Sweden with a drop

of 8.9 percent, West Germany with a drop of 7.9 percent and Switzerland with a drop of 7.6 percent.

The fund said that countries with larger trade deficits in the fourth quarter of 1981 compared with the same period of the previous year were Australia, Denmark and Sweden. Small surpluses were recorded by Norway and the United Kingdom while deficits appeared for Austria, Finland and Switzerland. West Germany's surplus soared from \$1.6 billion to \$6.4 billion.

The rate of increase of money supply in industrial countries dropped sharply in the third quarter of 1981 to an annual rate of 5.3 percent — down from 6.9 percent in the second quarter. The decline was most pronounced in the United States, where the annual rate of increase dropped to 2.8 percent in the third quarter from 6.2 percent in the second.

Other countries with a deceleration in the rate of growth of their money supply between the second and third quarters of last year were Austria, Belgium, West Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The official holdings of foreign exchange of most industrial countries declined from the end of 1981 to the end of January 1982. The fund said the changes reflect a number of factors, including valuation changes, transactions with domestic banks, exchange market intervention, and, in some cases, settlements within the European Monetary System.

The fund reported these changes in foreign exchange holdings in January: Belgium, down \$503 million; Denmark, down \$237 million; France, up \$1,681 million; West Germany, down \$2,178 million; Ireland, down \$135 million; Italy, down \$827 million; the Netherlands, down \$417 million; Austria, down \$255 million; Canada, down \$48 million; Japan, down \$137 million; Norway, down \$228 million; Sweden, down \$206 million; Switzerland, down \$2,973 million; United Kingdom, down \$222 million; the United States, down \$240 million.

Reagan opposes defense cuts

LOS ANGELES, March 3 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, trying to kill proposals to cut defense spending, says the alternative to a big Pentagon buildup is "a larger and increased possibility of war."

Reagan coupled his blunt statement Tuesday with a declaration that he is willing to run up a big budget deficit "if that is what it takes to buy peace for the rest of this century."

In an attempt to cut down the \$91.5 billion deficit projected by the administration for 1983, congressional Republicans and Democrats alike are urging Reagan to scale back his plan for an 18 percent boost in military outlays.

"What they say is absolutely true," Reagan said, referring to his critics. "There is an alternative to a larger defense budget. It is a

larger and increased possibility of war."

"A cutback in defense," Reagan said, "would be a cutback in our chance of peace and security." Reagan sounded the warning before an audience at a campaign rally at Albuquerque, New Mexico, for Republican Senator Harrison Schmitt. The president also got an enthusiastic welcome earlier at a campaign rally in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for Senator Malcolm Wallop, another Republican.

His message at both stops was that Congress should not cut Pentagon spending or trim the personal income tax cuts enacted last year as a means of reducing the deficit.

The president planned to address the Los Angeles county board of supervisors Wednesday about the budget and his "new federalism" program.

Defending his plan for a \$221 billion defense budget, Reagan said, "as much as I detest the idea of deficits, as president I must accept a large deficit if that is what it takes to buy peace for the rest of this century."

Reagan said President John F. Kennedy's budget in 1962 called for defense spending totaling 44 percent of the federal budget, while his own defense spending would amount to 29 percent of the budget.

Addressing a large group of young people in the audience in Albuquerque, Reagan declared: "There isn't anyone who isn't anticipating today or thinking in terms that they should someday be called upon to bleed their lives into some battlefield somewhere in the world as other young people before them. 'No,' said Reagan. "If we have the proper defensive strength, no young Americans will have to bleed their lives."

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — U.S. oil output is likely to remain steady until 1995, the Department of Energy has forecast. Production in 1995 would be 10.3 million barrels a day, compared to a 1980 figure of 10.2 million. Natural gas output was expected to be 18,700,000 million cubic feet a year, compared to 19,800,000 billion in 1980.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Penn central corporation, a diversified group, has purchased copter manufacturing of Tulsa, which makes oil well equipment, for \$25 million in cash and \$225 million in shares. American Express is, meanwhile, acquiring the finance and brokerage house Robinson-Humphrey of Atlanta for \$77 million in cash and \$1.2 million in shares.

LONDON, (AFP) — Shipping Corporation of India is about to order four medium-sized tankers and four bulk carriers for more than \$250 million, probably from Far East yards, *Lloyd's List*, an insurance publication, said Wednesday. The tankers are expected to be built in Japan and the bulk carriers in Japan and South Korea.

GENEVA, (AFP) — Two Swiss commercial vehicle producers, Saurer and FBW vehicles, are setting up a joint firm to assemble Saurer, FBW and Mercedes-Benz trucks and buses. Mercedes-Benz will have a 40 percent interest. The three brand names will be retained but sales and after-sales services will be pooled.

LONDON, (AFP) — The recent collapse in world tin prices could endanger the future of Britain's tin mining industry, executives of the Cornish mining sector said Wednesday. Jim Raper, chairman of the South Crofty Mine, said that Cornish tin mining could be in trouble if the price falls below the 7,000 pounds sterling a metric ton mark for any length of time.

WASHINGTON, (R) — A team of U.S. agriculture experts has arrived in Cairo to help Egypt deal with its farming problems, a White House spokesman said. The 15-member group, led by Dr. E.T. York, vice-chairman of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, has been designated a presidential mission, he said.

EEC curbs on Russia seen failing

BRUSSELS, March 3 (AP) — A European Economic Community (EEC) plan to spend \$420 million less this year on diamonds and other products from the Soviet Union would be a gem of a political move but have little economic impact, trade analysts say.

It would put a few diamond cutters back to work in Belgium. It could mean more profits for firms that produce minks in Denmark and ammonia in West Germany. And it will please the United States, which has asked Europe to join in anti-Soviet sanctions over Poland.

"But this is not going to make the Soviet Union totter," said a trade official of the 10-nation EEC, made up of America's European allies. "It's a gesture to show displeasure with Soviet involvement in Poland. It would introduce an element of uncertainty in Soviet trade planning."

"It's not going to mean anything in terms of upsetting their commerce," he said. "It's a signal to the Soviet Union." British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said when the sanctions plan was announced last week.

EEC executives last week proposed that the countries raise or impose quotas to halve imports of selected goods. Member governments agreed to the principle and after some tinkering with the list are expected to make a final decision by the end of the month.

East bloc sales of aluminum dip

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — Aluminum shipments to the West by Communist countries continued to fall in 1981, with the decline particularly marked in the second half of the year, the International Primary Aluminum Institute reported here.

Total imports from this group (consisting of Albania, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, North Korea, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, the Soviet Union and Vietnam) amounted to only 18,000 metric tons, of which 14,000 tons were shipped to West Europe and 4,000 tons to East Asia (Japan, South Korea, Taiwan). This compared with 20,000 tons in 1980, 38,000 tons in 1979 and 50,000 tons in 1978.

Meanwhile, shipments from the Western world to this group of countries amounted to 14,000 tons (of which 11,000 tons from Europe and 3,000 tons from North America) last year compared with 40,000 tons in 1980, of which 37,000 tons were shipped from North America, the institute statistics showed.

London stock market

LONDON, March 3 (R) — Equities closed mixed but government bonds tended firmer in quiet trading, dealers said. The *Financial Times* index at 1500 hours was down 1.4 at 556.4.

Oils featured and with the BNO oil price cut already discounted, prices were boosted by better than expected 1981 results from Ultramar which ended 11p higher at 391 after 408. Others similarly ended below best levels but Shell, BP and Burmah were up to 4p.

Among the leaders, Blue Circle, GEC, Hawker Siddeley and ICI fell 1p to 6p. North Americans were also easier.

Government bonds ended ½ to ¼ up on the day supported by the resilience of sterling, dealers said. They added, with the gold price falling to a 30-month low, the decline in gold shares accelerated. Falls amongst the producers stretched to 33.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates chalk up gains

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 3 — The dollar closed on a stronger note in the New York bourses Tuesday night with the rally continuing Wednesday despite sharp profit-taking actions by European dealers. Eurodollar deposit rates were generally firmer, with moderate rises in short-term rates.

In New York, Federal Reserve "Fed Funds" rates closed at a high level of 14½ percent up by ½ percent over Monday night levels. Once again though, dealers everywhere had very little hard economic facts to go by and were guided by market rumors and speculation as to whether President Ronald Reagan could stick to his refusal to cut back on defense expenditure in order to ease the looming federal budget deficit situation. With Friday coming up, the markets were also positioning themselves for another rise in U.S. money supply figures, and Wednesday saw some firming in dollar rates taking the one-month to 14 1/16 - 14 15/16 percent at one stage.

In the bullion markets, gold prices fell back about 2/3 dollar per ounce to reach \$358 in some thin trading.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates were firmer by close of business with rises of between ½ to ¾ percent recorded in most tenors. Dealing was reported to have been more active too compared with Tuesday trading, but volumes dealt were small.

The dollar traded within narrow range bonds Wednesday, boosted by the overnight gains registered in New York. With the more stable U.S. dollar deposit rates prevailing, the exchange market's mood changed and there was loss of the position cutting on the dollar as was seen Tuesday.

Continental central bank currency support was also less marked with rumors sweeping the financial market that the European central banks were contemplating more decisive measures against the dollar.

In the various currency news, the British pound fluctuated all day Wednesday with the markets worried about the pound's future strength given the present trend for lower oil prices. The pound traded between 1.8120 to 1.8260 all day in nervous jumps as one dealer described it in London. The German mark was stable at 2.3670 levels while the French franc was also stable at 6.0420 levels. The Japanese currency traded at 236.10 while the Swiss franc averaged at 1.8770.

In the local markets, the exchange markets saw spot rial/dollar rates rise to 3.4205-10 levels before falling back to stabilize at 3.4200-10 levels before in their trading. Brokers operating out of Bahrain reported more activity in the money markets with rial rates firming for the second consecutive day. Rises were small however, and were concentrated in the short tenors. The one-month JIBOR reached 13 - 13½ percent from 12½ - 13¼ percent levels on opening while the one-year fixed was quoted at 13½ - 14 percent. The week-fixed deposit was dealt more heavily and reached 13¼ - 14¼ percent up from 12-13 percent level Monday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	353.25
Paris	354.53
Frankfurt	359.01
Zurich	353.50
Hong kong	359.84

U.S. airlines reel under rising losses

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP) — Continental Airlines' directors met Tuesday to try to stave off bankruptcy, but their misery was not unique in an American industry reeling from two troubled years and losses of a half-billion dollars.

Continental, the United States' 10th-largest airline, has \$200 million in debt that could come due at any moment. Its directors met for several hours and afterward spokesman Bruce Plowman said Frank Rothman, the head of MGM-United Artists, was named a director. Plowman said there would be no other statement from management about the meeting. Braniff International and World Airways also had gloomy news.

Braniff said its employees would receive only half their usual pay on Thursday, in what the money-losing airline described as a one-shot, one-week deferral that will give it \$8 million in short-term cash.

World, which started discount transcontinental service in 1980, said it could collapse within a week unless it gets concessions from employees, banks and its landlord, the Port of Oakland, California.

Overall, major U.S. airlines lost more than \$225 million in 1980 and \$300 million in 1981, according to the Air Transport Association — with the list of losers ranging from international aviation pioneer Pan American World Airways to new entrants that spread their wings in the deregulated skies opened by President Jimmy Carter's administration.

Among major airlines, Pan Am posted the biggest loss for 1981, \$348 million. United Air lines, the United States' largest carrier, reported losses of \$148.8 million.

Delta Air Lines, American Airlines and Usair were the only major U.S. airlines to turn profits, with Delta leading the industry with net income of \$91.6 million.

Money-losing airlines have blamed back-to-back recessions, fuel prices and fare wars they could not ignore.

Continental, which lost \$60 million last year, has a total indebtedness of about \$200 million after borrowing \$25 million last month. Plowman said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	280.00
Canadian Dollar	—	—	144.15
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.25	144.15	131.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.00	131.75	3.82
Egyptian Pound	3.47	3.82	93.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20	56.45
French Franc (100)	56.75	56.45	55.90
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	55.90	36.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.10	26.90	14.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	9.84
Jordanian Dinar	9.90	9.84	12.025
Kuwait Dinar	12.05	12.025	71.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.25	71.10	60.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	59.75	60.50	31.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	41.60
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	6.23
Pound Sterling	6.28	6.23	94.10
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10	161.95
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	33.30
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	181.85
Swiss Franc (100)	182.00	181.85	63.50
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	3.422
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90	—
Selling Price			
Gold kg.	39,550	39,550	—
10 Tolas bar	4,560	4,480	—
Ounce	1,220	1,180	—

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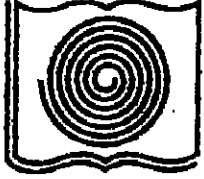
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To shock Ipswich

West Ham strikes once in each half

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — Ipswich Town's English league title hopes began to evaporate Tuesday night as it lost its second successive match, this time 0-2 at West Ham.

Ipswich still has four games in hand over leaders Southampton but the points difference remains nine — and its present form must improve dramatically to turn it to its advantage. For the "Hammers" the win ended a run of six games without a win.

England midfielder Alan Devonshire marked his return after an eight-match absence through injury, with his first goal of the season after 41 minutes. West Ham's superiority was rammed home by Belgian Francois Van Der Elst in the second-half.

In the only other First Division game, Brighton were watched by its lowest crowd of the season — just under 13,000 — but celebrated a 1-0 victory over Leeds United. The win kept Brighton in ninth spot in the league

standings and are a game behind the leaders, Southampton.

Giles Stille, playing his first match of the season, won the game for Brighton with a 17th-minute goal against Leeds, which is without a goal in the last six games. Leeds' performance indicated why it went into the transfer market to sign Birmingham's Frank Worthington Tuesday.

In the Second Division, Luton Town continued to make the championship a one-horse race by beating near-neighbors Cambridge 1-0. Its captain Brian Horton, gave Luton full points with a 76th-minute goal, his first since signing from Brighton in the close season.

The only other victory in the Division saw Leicester score a fluent 3-0 victory over Newcastle, while Grimsby and Bolton shared two goals and Sheffield Wednesday and Shrewsbury played out a goalless draw.

Results

English Division One		Leeds		Ipswich	
Brighton	1	0	2	0	0
West Ham	2	0	0	0	0
Division Two		Bolton		Grimsby	
Leicester	3	0	0	0	0
Luton	1	0	0	0	0
Sheffield Wednesday	0	0	0	0	0
Division Three		Huddersfield		Walsall	
Lincoln	0	2	0	0	0
Burnley	1	0	0	0	0

Standings

Division One		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	1	28	16	5	7	52	39	53
Swansea	2	27	15	4	8	40	34	49
Manchester United	3	26	13	8	5	39	20	47
Liverpool	4	25	13	6	6	46	22	45
Arsenal	5	26	13	6	7	22	18	45
Ipswich	6	24	14	2	8	44	36	44
Tottenham	7	23	13	4	6	39	22	43
Manchester City	8	27	12	7	8	41	31	43
Brighton	9	27	10	11	6	32	27	41

Against Brazil

Czechs show pessimism

SAO PAULO, Brazil, March 3 (AP) — Czechoslovakia's national soccer team coach Josef Venglos was pessimistic about his team's chances against Brazil on the eve of their Wednesday exhibition game here.

"Our squad has suffered a lot of reformulations," said Venglos, who arrived here with his team Monday. "And this is only our second game in our World Cup preparations."

But opposing coach Tele Santana called the game "An extremely important test. The Czechs counter-attack with great speed ... and since they are also classified for the Cup, they'll play seriously, because they have to perfect their game."

Santana said he was concerned about minor physical problems with a number of his starters. He said Socrates and Oscar were out of shape. Serginho and Junior had minor injuries and Zico was tired from the crowded schedule of his Flamengo club.

Czechoslovakia's Venglos has more serious problems: He said he was forced to leave three of his starters at home because of injuries — Masny, Hruska and Vojacek. He indicated he may use four of his newer players Wednesday on an experimental basis — Rada, Jarolim, Pelc and Borko.

Czech captain Zdenek Nehoda, who will start against Brazil, shares his coach's pessimism. "I played against Brazil in 74 and 78," said Nehoda. "And since then our team

has fallen and Brazil's has improved greatly." He specifically lauded Zico, Socrates and Toninho Cerezo. The Czechs were also pessimistic about their chances in Spain this year.

Meanwhile, Leandro, Brazil's All-Star soccer defenseman, was hurt during practice adding to Santana's problems. And the Czech team Manager-coach Josef Venglos said Barmos, the Czech fullback, "Most probably won't play Wednesday." Jakubec will start in his place.

Venglos said he was expecting a tough game: "It's very difficult. They (the Brazilians) are the favorites and once more for us it is preparation for the World Cup and a chance to give our young players an opportunity to play against the top players in the world."

The Brazilian team had a light workout Tuesday afternoon, followed by a practice game. During the game the aggressive forward, Mario Sergio, upended Leandro, who injured his leg. After the practice, coach Tele Santana said he did not know if Leandro would be able to play Wednesday.

Santana said another doubtful starter is Serginho, who had a leg injury. Serginho did not practice Tuesday, and Santana said he would wait until Wednesday morning to decide. It could be an important one for Roberto, who is not on the All-Star's starting lineup, and he is trying to displace Serginho.

Yugoslav soccer twins spell double trouble for rivals

BELGRADE, March 3 (R) — Yugoslavia's opponents in the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain this summer could have trouble with twins Zlatko and Zoran Vujovic. It is almost impossible to tell them apart.

Zlatko, the elder by 15 minutes, is the one with an uncanny knack of finding space in the penalty box, usually after penetrating runs from the right flank. His speed and flair has brought him 12 goals in 16 appearances for the national side.

Zoran usually plays in defense. But he prefers midfield from where he can run at the defense in a fashion so similar to his brother that opponents often feel they are seeing double.

Yugoslav coach Miljan Miljanic likes to joke that if he is playing only one of the 22-year-old twins he could replace him with the other at half-time without anyone noticing the switch. But that is unlikely to happen. Miljanic has such a high regard for the brothers that he played them consistently in the world cup qualifying matches and is certain to keep faith with them in Spain.

Before Miljanic took over the national side

two years ago after three successful years of coaching Real Madrid in Spain, the Yugoslavs tended to lose to inferior teams through a lack of commitment.

But the Vujovic twins have played a significant part in changing that lackadaisical approach. They set the standards, always wanting to be involved in the action. That is why Zoran does not particularly like playing at full-back, his usual role in Miljanic's teams. He feels the position is not demanding enough.

The twins say they are not telepathic, although they often seem to be, so closely do they play together. The simple answer to their uncanny understanding is that they have been playing alongside each other since they started with Hajduk Split's junior team as 11-year-olds.

The twins eventually graduated to the first team and have no intention, for the moment at least, of following the long line of top Yugoslav players who have moved West to seek their fortunes.

They have just signed four-year contracts with Hajduk and will be paying their hearts



TIMELY LEAP: Orient goalkeeper Mervyn Day leaps in time to ward off the challenge from Watford's Steve Terry with a safe collection. Watford won the English Division Two encounter last Saturday.

11 players' suspension term eased

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, March 3 (AP) — The Argentine Soccer Association (AFA) Tuesday night eased the suspensions of 11 players of the River Plate soccer team, enabling six of those affected to play for the world champion Argentine national team against West Germany in an exhibition game here March 24.

The AFA had originally sustained River Plate's recommendation that the 11 be suspended for 45 days for refusing to take the field in a friendly match between River and the Uruguayan team Penarol Feb. 10 in the Argentine resort city of Mar Del Plata. The River players struck over a pay dispute.

The six suspended River players on the national team now training in Mar Del Plata are: national team captain Daniel Passarella; 1978 World Cup star Mario Kempes; goalie Ubaldo Fillol; Americo Gallego; Julio Olarticoechea and Ramon Diaz.

AFA reduced the suspension to 35 days, meaning it will end March 17. The six will miss an exhibition game scheduled against Czechoslovakia in Mar Del Plata March 9.

out in Spain "to show our worth — not to sell ourselves," Zlatko said. Zoran said that under Miljanic's guiding hand the team as a whole would be much tougher psychologically than any previous Yugoslav side.

"Yugoslavia are going to surprise many of the favorites in Spain," he added. Both twins are likely to make vital contributions in the finals Zlatko confounding defenders with his speed, explosive breaks and ability to turn opponents inside out, and Zoran bursting through from the back, swinging long, accurate passes forward.

The pair also share a strong sense of fair play. Zlatko recently upset Hajduk fans by berating a team-mate who injured Belgrade Red Star's classy midfielder Vladimir Pet-

Frost, Ailing given pride of place

LONDON, March 3 (Agencies) — Denmark's Morten Hansen Frost and China's Zhang Ailing have been given the top billing in the All-England Badminton Championship, when the draw was made Tuesday, which commences at the Wembley arena from March 24.

A record number of 548 entries had flooded the All-England Association for the four-day tournament. The Association has accepted only 213 outright of the record entries and another 216 will have to qualify. Normally the qualifying competition is mainly confined to home players. But such is the standard this year that even some well-known players will have to fight it out for a berth in the championships.

The singles title-holder — in the men's — is defending his title. But, strangely, he has not been awarded the top spot. Liem Swie King, the Indonesian defending champion, has been seeded fourth to the Dane Frost.

Favorite for the men's title which carries a first prize of one thousand pounds is China's Luan Jin, the English 'Masters' title holder. China is competing for the first time in the All-England championships after the fusion of the International Badminton Federation and the World Badminton Federation in May 1981. Luan Jin a 23-year-old teacher, leads a lineup of over twenty players and their presence is bound to cause many upsets.

In an extended battle Durie eliminates Smith

LOS ANGELES, March 3 (AFP) — Britain's Young hope Jo Durie eliminated American doubles specialist Anne Smith in a hard-fought first round match Tuesday at the Los Angeles Women's Tennis Tournament.

The 21-year-old Durie won the first set 6-3, then lost the second by the same score. The third was even all the way until the British girl got the upper edge in the tiebreak.

South Africa's Yvonne Vermaak had a slightly easier task against Claudia Monteiro of Brazil, though after winning the first set 6-1, Vermaak was taken to 7-5 in the second by the South American.

Off the seeded players on view, Barbara Potter was taken to two tiebreakers before prevailing in the all-American clash with Pam Casale. The other to encounter slight difficulty was Yugoslavia's Mima Jausovec against American Sharon Walsh.

Jausovec and Walsh battled it out for the first ten games till the former took two games in a row for the first set. The chunky Yugoslav coasted through the second set for a 7-5, 6-2 verdict. German Sylvia Hanika, the other seeded player in action Tuesday night, proved too good for Chilean player Petra Delhees. Hanika recorded a 6-3, 6-2 triumph. In the other first round action of the day, Mary Lou Peitek of America bested compatriot Kathy Jordan 6-1, 7-6.

Meanwhile, in Milan, Italy, John McEnroe and his archival Jimmy Connors, leading a big group of U.S. players into the Cuore Tennis Cup, were the heavy favorites in the

\$350,000 Milan-leg of the Grand Prix competition scheduled at the Indoor Sports Palace March 22-28.

An all-American final, awarding \$70,000 to the winner and \$35,000 to the runners-up, was likely in view of the top quality and number of U.S. entries. Also the absence of Czechoslovak star Ivan Lendl and Sweden's Bjorn Borg, adds to the prospect of an all-American final.

Lendl, who triumphed in the Masters finals and in the recent World Championship tennis (WCT) tournament in Genoa, skipped the many prized Cuore Cup, to prepare for the tournaments of Frankfurt and Monte Carlo.

Borg, who enjoyed an unprecedented period of rest, dropping several tournaments, will be back on courts in Monte Carlo. Organizers announced here Tuesday a total of 32 entries. Twenty-three players were qualified on the basis of the A.T.E. rankings. Five will be named by organizers through the "wild card" system and four will come out from qualifying rounds.

Italian veterans Adriano Panatta and Corrado Barazzutti as well as Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States were among the likely to get the wild cards. Gerulaitis was not immediately included because of previous engagements.

Twelve U.S. players among the top 23 of the Milan tournament, include the brothers Gene and Sandy Mayer, Elliot Teltscher, McEnroe, Connors, Brian Teacher, Brian Gottfried, Mel Purcell, Tim Mayotte, John Sadri, Steven Denton and Vince Van Patina.

All-England Badminton

The women's singles which carries the top prize of 750 pounds sees the defending champion South Korean Sun Ai Hwang sidelined due to an injury. In her place the top billing went to Zhang Ailing. Ailing got the top spot on her performance in the 'Masters' tourney in which she had wrested the title from the stylish dentist from Denmark, Lene Koppen. Koppen is seeded second in the All-England.

Japan has withdrawn all its main players from the championship in order to concentrate on the forthcoming Thomas Cup clash. The matches will be played in the United States and with the Japanese already suffering from jet lag, as evident in their 4-2 and 5-1 defeats in their opening matches against England, it is a wise decision.

In the men's doubles, the holders, Kartono and Keryano of Indonesia, are defending their title. Their compatriots, Tjun Tjun and Wahrudhi, who won the championship four years in succession from 1977 have been seeded only eighth.

The holders of the women's doubles, Nora Perry and Jane Webster of England, are also defending their title. Webster and Perry, who also won the title in 1980 with her compatriot Gillian Gilks, have been seeded number one. In the mixed event, England's Mike Tredgett and Nora Perry, who have won the title the last two years, have been given

top seeding with another English par Martin Dew and Gillian Gilks, seeded second.

China favorites

Meanwhile, China is heavily favored to beat Thailand in the two day Asian Zone final of the Thomas Cup men's team championships starting Thursday.

The Chinese, playing in the Thomas Cup for the first time since their admission to the International Badminton Federation last year, have brought their strongest lineup here. Local experts firmly believe they will have clinched the nine-match tie after the first five matches, ensuring themselves a berth in the Cup finals in England in May.

Thailand cannot hope to match the Chinese in singles. Han Jian, who beat Indonesian No. 1 Liem Swie King in 1980, Chen Chang-jie, winner of the first World Games title last year in California, and reigning national champion Luan Jin, the Masters champion, give the Chinese a formidable singles lineup. They are all among the top six seeds for the All-England Championships in London later this month. The Chinese doubles pairs are almost as strong and the team appear capable of finishing off the Thais 9-0, just as they crushed India and Pakistan in their earlier ties.

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Portland go past Phoenix

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP) — Phoenix made a last quarter burst to push the play into overtime. But in the decisive extra period, Phoenix could not display the form of the last quarter and went down to Portland 119-108 in the National Basketball Association Tuesday night.

And the man who turned the tide for the Trail Blazers was Kelvin Ransey. Kelvin scored 10 of his 30 points in overtime as the teams were deadlocked 100-100. The Sun's spurt came in the last quarter in which they wiped out a ten points deficit.

In the other action which went over the regulation period, two extra sessions and key baskets by Albert King and Buck Williams settled the issue between the New York Jets and Washington Bullets. The outcome went in favor of the Jets 130-124, who fell back after being level at half-time at 52-52.

Albert King sank two baskets and Williams another in the final three minutes of the second overtime to swing the match in the Jets' favor. The Bullets went into the second and fourth quarter with three and four points advantage respectively, but the Jets rallied on both occasions to draw level. The first extra period, after the teams were locked 104-104, saw the teams share 26 points and the second extra session was enforced.

Earnie Grunfeld and Eddie Johnson combined for 25 points in the final quarter to spark the Kansas City Kings to a 125-117 victory over Utah Jazz. Jazz outscored the Kings only in the first period as they slowly yielded ground to their faster and accurate rivals.

Reggie Theus paced a balanced Chicago attack with 12 points Tuesday night as the Bulls dominated the Philadelphia 76ers 112-109 for their fourth straight triumph. The Bulls snatched the advantage in the third period and never relinquished it thereafter. Randy Smith came off the bench to score 12 second-quarter points and 24 overall to lead the New York Knicks to a 108-101 victory over San Diego Clippers in a close action. New York went ahead in the first quarter and stayed in front with the Clippers close on its heels.

Cricket gains ground in Saudi Arabia

By a Staff Writer
Al-Khobar Bureau

AL-KHOBAR, March 3 — The cricket season in Saudi Arabia picked up steam last weekend with a two-day match between the Eastern Province Cricket League's selected side and a selection from the Riyadh Cricket League.

Unlike in-league games, which are played here on a 30-over basis, this match had no limit on overs and ran for a total of 10½ hours. Widely judged to have been something of a milestone in local cricket with favorable comments about the variety of play and the sportsmanlike behavior of the participants all around — the match ended in a draw and left the Saudi-British Bank sponsored trophy "in limbo" for another year.

The Eastern Province Cricket League, which is now a year old, comprises 24 teams and about 350 players drawn from a number of Commonwealth countries, with Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka predominating. Each team plays 14 matches during the season which begins in October and ends in April.

Rebel cricketers ignore TCCB's pleas, warnings

PRETORIA, March 3. (Agencies) — Ignoring a last-minute appeal from London, a team of English cricketers Wednesday opened a controversial private tour of South Africa.

The team, which includes many of England's top players, started play here against a team made up of South Africa's most talented young cricketers. The tour sparked a major political storm in Britain and English cricket authorities said they had made a final appeal to the 12-man team to call off their visit.

South Africa has been barred from international cricket since 1970 because of its apartheid policies. The English players began the match against the South African under-25 team despite the appeal from the governing body of English cricket, the Test and County Cricket Board. "If it is thought practicable for you to do so, we urge you to reconsider your position and refrain from playing in any such matches," the Board told the players.

The TCCB said it sent a letter Tuesday night to the 12. "We must make you aware of the very strong reaction in England and other countries to the proposed participation by you and other English cricketers in international-calibre matches in South

Africa," wrote board chairman George Mann and secretary Donald Carr.

The cricketers, labeled the "Dirty Dozen" by some critical British politicians, arrived in Johannesburg over the past few days to play a series for sums reported to be up to 40,000 sterling (\$70,000) each.

The Board pointed out to the rebels they could be endangering tours by India and Pakistan to England later this year. Such a move would "seriously affect County finances and the possible future livelihood of fellow cricketers," the officials wrote. Sports officials also fear a boycott by black nations of the Commonwealth Games in Australia this year.

The organizers of the four-week tour were still negotiating to include another player in the team and the mystery 13th man is said to be a top-class batsman. The tour of South Africa is threatening to split the cricket world and have repercussions in other sports, but South African Cricket Union president Joe Pamensky said his organization had "no alternative but to invite them." "Did the rest of the world really expect us to sit patiently and wait forever?" he asked.

In London British newspapers said approaches had been made to English bats-

men Derek Randall and Paul Parker to sign on as 13th man. It was also claimed West Indian's Alvin Kallicharan had been rejected by the organizers because his inclusion would mean the touring side could no longer be considered as an English selection.

Thatcher's refusal
Meanwhile, in London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Tuesday declined to condemn personally the 12 rebel English cricketers. Under pressure from all sides in the House of Commons, Mrs. Thatcher insisted the British government still supports the Gleanings Agreement of 1977, under which British and other Commonwealth countries pledged to discourage sports tours of South Africa.

But she added: "Citizens of this country are free to travel as far as we are concerned. We do not have the power to prevent our sportsmen and sportswomen from visiting South Africa or anywhere else. If we did, we would no longer be a free country."

Meanwhile, the storm continued to grow. Peter Arnold, chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, demanded they be banned from English cricket for life.

Indira upset

The Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi



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ISF backs out of commitment

TAIPEI, March 3 (AFP) — Fresh trouble hit the politically controversial fifth World Women's Softball Tournament Wednesday when International Softball Federation (ISF) general secretary Don Porter announced he was unable to honor the terms for the organization of the July tournament here.

ISF vice-chairman Ho Ming-Chang, president of the local Softball Association and chairman of the organizing committee, said he was leaving for the United States to negotiate with Porter. Porter told two representatives from Taiwan that due to pressure he was not in a position to honor the terms agreed last month.

The agreement, based on an ISF congress resolution last year allowed Taipei to hoist its national flag, a practice opposed by the Chinese Softball Association. The ISF general secretary also submitted "ideas" for Taiwan's consideration. But, according to Ho, they were flatly rejected by the two representatives.

Bayern takes 2-0 lead in first-leg

BUCHAREST, Romania, March 3 (AP) — Universitatea of Craiova Wednesday lost to Bayern Munich of West Germany 0-2 in a first-leg quarterfinal game of the European Soccer Champions' Cup.

Scorers in the game, played at Craiova, were Paul Breitner in the 7th and Karl Heinz Rummenigge in the 19th minute.

The match at Craiova's Central Stadium was watched by a sell-out crowd of 50,020. The Romanians appeared to dominate throughout the closely-fought game, with much of the action taking place around the German goal.

The West Germans took the lead with a fierce shot from Breitner from 20 yards in the 7th minute which left the Romanian goalie inactive. Rummenigge, who fired a volley from about the same distance, made it 2-0.

Craiova's players exaggerated their teamwork and slow passing in front of the Bayern goal. They missed a string of nice scoring chances through Irimescu in the 5th minute, whose shot from close range sent the ball over the crossbar, and Crisan, who hit the Bayern goalie in the 37th minute from less than two meters at the end of a counterattack.

Davis Cup final phase

Keen contests in the offing

PARIS, March 3 (AFP) — Many of the world's top tennis players will be in action in different parts of the globe from this week when sixteen national tennis teams meet for eight matches in the first round of the final phase of the 1982 Davis Cup competition.

The revised structure of the competition, means the final phase no longer takes geography into account and will see such distant countries as India and America and Australia and Mexico pitted against each other. The new formula, in its second year of operation, should lead to some interesting and finely-balanced contests.

John McEnroe of America should have no trouble winning his two singles matches in the title-holders' encounter with India at Carlsbad, California. With partner Peter Fleming, the fiery McEnroe should also take the doubles. India's captain Vijay Amritraj and, to a lesser extent, Ramesh Krishnan, are likely, however, to put up a good fight.

Sweden, even without Bjorn Borg, should be able to get the better of the Soviet Union in Stockholm. Young Swedish players Mats Wilander, Anders Jarryd, and the others ought to be more than a match for the talent of Vadim Borisov and the rest of the visiting team. If Sweden wins, Borg may be available for his country's next fixture, with the United States.

The skills of Raul Ramirez and the advantage of a home draw will make Mexico a force to reckon with in its meeting with Australia, but the proven ability of Peter McNamara,

Mark Edmondson, John Alexander and Phil Dent will almost certainly take Australia through to the next round.

The encounter between Chile and Romania in Santiago should lead to a victory for the hosts, despite the absence of Hans Gildemeister, recovering from a bout of typhoid. Chile's Pedro Rebolledo, Beluz Parojoux and Jaime Fillo should cope with anything the Romanians can throw at them, though the veteran Ilic Nastase, returning to the Romanian team after two years, is still capable of a surprise.

New Zealand's Chris Lewis, Onny Parun and the Simpson brothers could benefit from playing on the Christchurch grass in their country's fixture against Spain, since the Spanish team, particularly Jose Lopez-Macaso and Angel Gimenez are more used to hard earth surfaces.

Buster Mottram of England has shown recent form but the Britain-Italy match in Rome is likely to go Italy's way. Their stars Adriano Panatta, Corrado Barazzutti and Paolo Bertolucci are aging but still better than anything Britain can offer.

With the world's current highest earning players Ivan Lendl and Tomas Smid in their team, Czechoslovakia will have little to worry about against West Germany in Prague. Yannick Noah's victory over Ivan Lendl at Palm Springs has given France high hopes of beating the strong Argentine team at Buenos Aires. Thierry Tulasne should give Noah good support in the French team.

BRIEFS

LISBON, (AFP) — Finland's Henry Toivonen (Opel Ascona) was in the lead in the Portuguese Motor Rally after the first part of the first-leg. Toivonen won the first three special stages of eight on the route in the Serra de Sintra region. The Finn gained an 11 seconds lead on team mate Walter Rohrl of West Germany and a 15 second advantage on compatriot Hannu Mikkola (Audi Quattro).

MIDDLESBROUGH, (AFP) — Terry Cochrane, a Northern Ireland World Cup squad member, has asked for a transfer from struggling English First Division club Middlesbrough. Bought from Burnely for

238,000 pounds four years ago, the winger has played more than 100 matches for the north eastern club.

PERTH, (AFP) — Former England Test spin bowler Tony Lock, 52, is finally an Australian — officially. Lock, his wife Audrey and younger son Richard became naturalized Australian citizens at a ceremony at Mindarie near here. Lock played in 49 Tests for England, capturing 174 wickets.

MELBOURNE, (AFP) — The World OK Dinghy Championships began here Wednesday with Australian Peter Galé defending the title he won in France last year.

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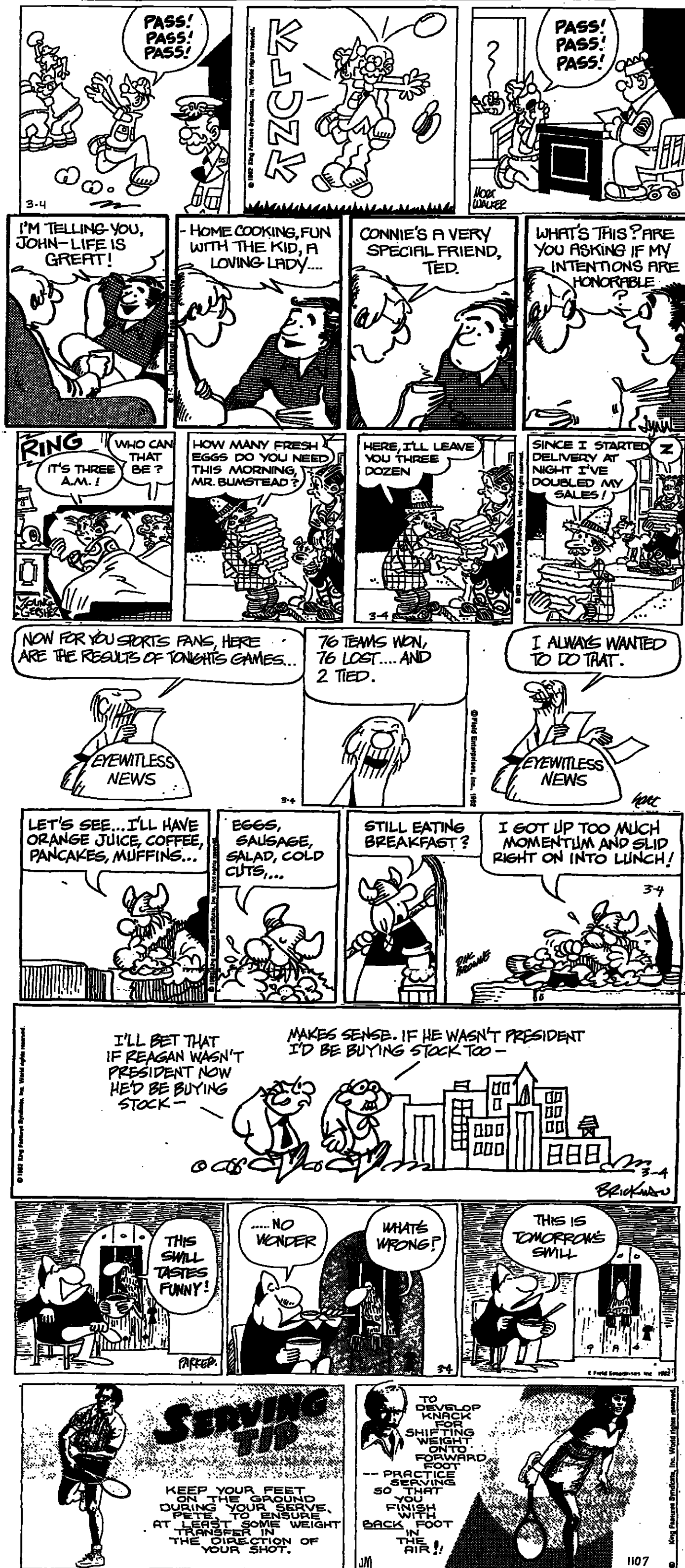
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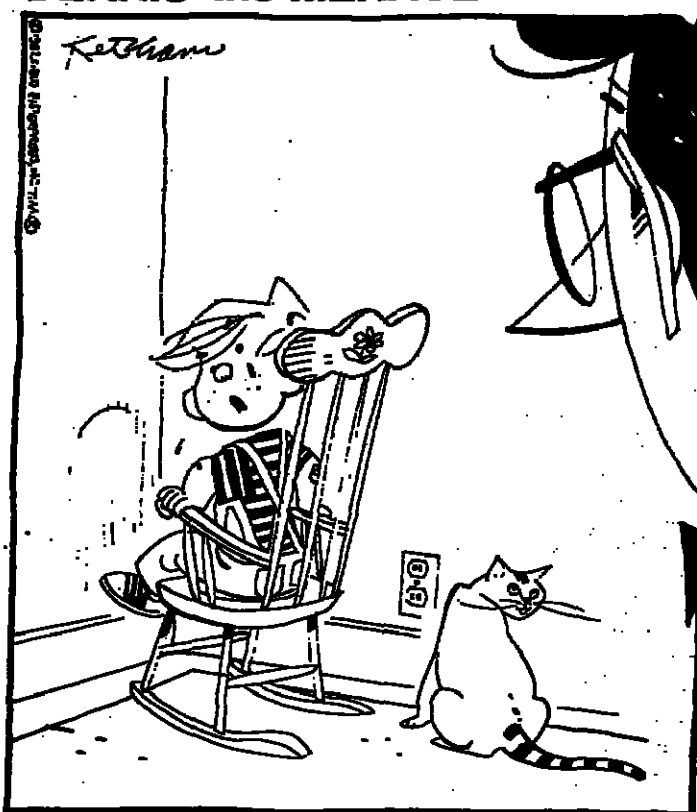
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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2 Shoe lace	2 Madame
3 Family member	3 Curie
4 Wife of Paris	4 violin
5 U.S.S.R. lake	5 maker
6 Toe's tip	6 Actor
7 In ballet	7 Holbrook
8 Rest	8 Director
9 Actor Johnson	9 Sergio
10 Small violin	10 Black
11 Attack; fit	11 cuckoo
12 Native (suffix)	12 Ardency
13 Generation	13 suddenly
14 Missouri symbol	14 Give a
15 From a distance	15 right to
16 Bit	16 Squirrel
17 Doorway part	17 monkey
18 Troopers	18 7 Tire
19 Song syllable	19 Transport
20 Main attraction	20 system
21 Packer	21 Cajole
22 Hairdo gadget	22 Neither fish
23 Number of Nixon's "Crises"	23 nor fowl
24 Pocked	24 25 Increase;
25 Distaff bar	25 house or hat
26 Restiveness	26 Aaron
27 Czech river	27 Candy flavor
28 Scottish county	28 Custom
29 Bivouac need	29 Put forth
	30 Make lace
	31 Motobin

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GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You'll find a solution to a

financial problem. Look for

new moneymaking chances.

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CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

An early change of plan could temporarily upset you, but as the day progresses both home life and love concerns bring you happiness.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

An early misunderstanding with a close friend will be

cleared up by day's end, but take the initiative in making amends.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Despite trivial difficulties with one friend, you'll receive a lovely invitation from another. Financial prospects improve now.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Though the time is ripe for career progress, do not mix business and pleasure. Evening hours favor creativity and romance.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Despite some resistance from close friends, you'll still be able to make wonderful vacation plans. Enjoy research and reading.

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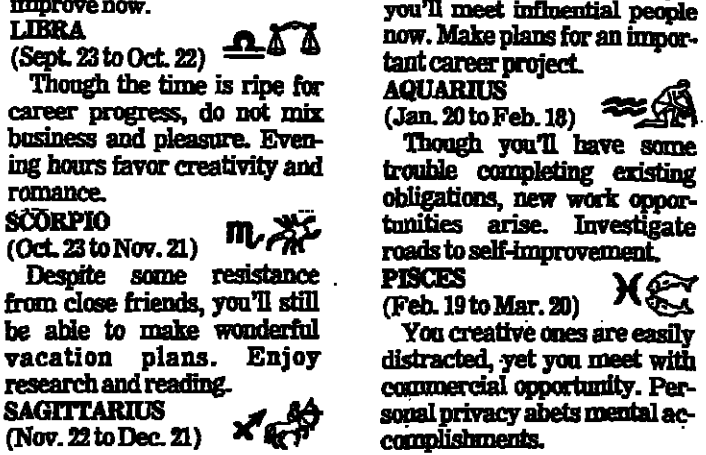
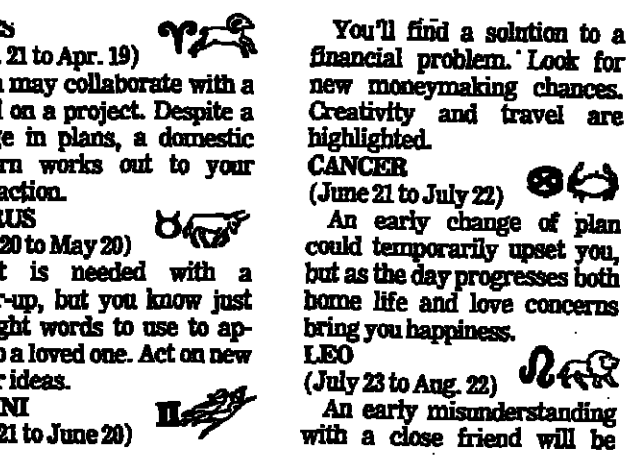
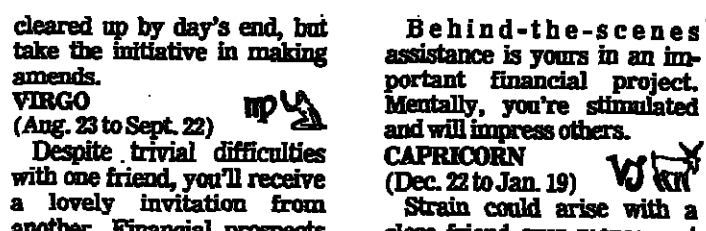
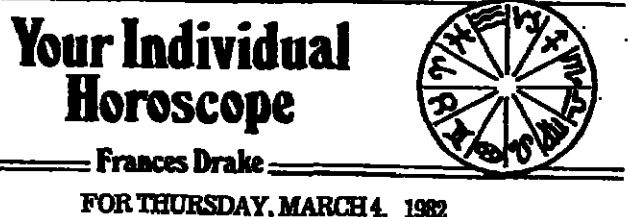
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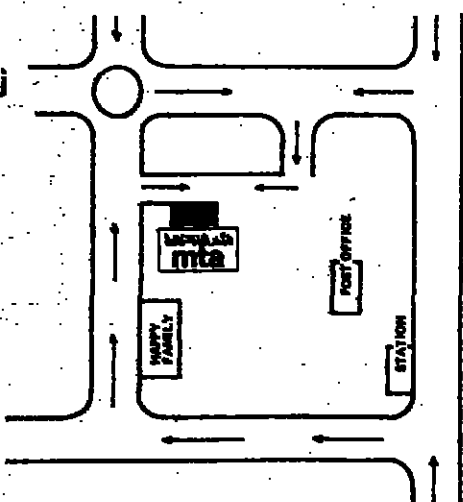
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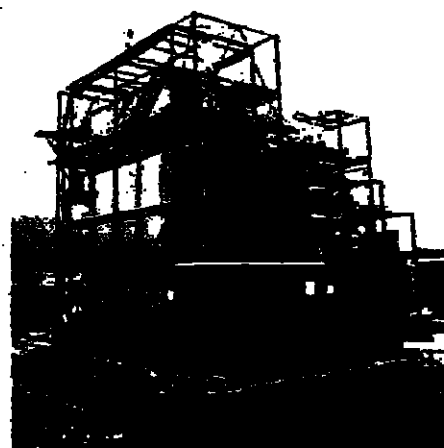
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Gunmen free 230 from jail in Peru

LIMA, Peru, March 3 (AP) — Terrorists freed 230 inmates from a prison in the southern city of Ayacucho Tuesday night in a bloody attack in which 10 persons were killed and several injured, the Peruvian government announced Wednesday.

Interior Minister Gen. Jose Gagliardi said the dead included three policemen and seven terrorists.

Gagliardi said the terrorists, using dynamite, machine guns and other firearms, simultaneously attacked three police stations, a hospital and the prison between 11 p.m. Tuesday and 12.20 a.m. Wednesday.

The assaults against the police stations and hospital evidently were intended to divert attention from the operation against the prison, he said.

The government declared a state of emergency in Ayacucho, an Andean city of some 100,000 inhabitants 575 kms southeast of Lima, and sent 210 police reinforcements from Lima in two flights Wednesday morning.

Gagliardi said the prisoners who were released included some accused of terrorist acts and others held on common crimes. The prison had a population of some 350 inmates before the massive escape.

Although Gagliardi called the assailants "terrorists," he did not identify their organizations or political ideology. "The assault was carried out by well prepared people and was similar to a military commando attack," Gagliardi said.

The civilian government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry has been plagued by isolated terrorist attacks since Belaunde was inaugurated in July of 1980.

The Interior Ministry, which controls internal security forces, had reported before Wednesday's attack that there had been more than 1,000 dynamite attacks of private and public installations by unidentified terrorists since Belaunde took office. More than a dozen persons had been killed.

The government has shown confusion over who is behind the violence, sometimes blaming the terrorism on drug traffickers and other times on foreign agitators or the "Sendero Luminoso," or lighted path, a military branch of the Peruvian Communist Party which is believed to be based in Ayacucho.

Turkey to charge arrested leftists

ISTANBUL, March 3 (AP) — A military prosecutor said Wednesday he will charge a group of leftist intellectuals arrested last Friday with "conspiracy to establish a Marxist-Leninist regime in NATO-member Turkey."

Col. Suleyman Takkeci, the chief military prosecutor of the Istanbul martial law command, said he had not yet prepared an indictment against 44 members of the now-closed Turkish Peace Committee.

But, he said, he will seek punishment under Articles 141 and 142 of the Turkish Penal Code. Other articles outlaw Communist propaganda and "conspiracy to establish the hegemony of one class over the other."

In an interview in his office at the Selimiye barracks, used as the headquarters of the 1st Army and the military administration, Takkeci claimed that he had evidence the committee "acted as a front for Communist agitation and a grand design to bring about a Marxist-Leninist regime through organization of professional men."

Spain coup plot remains a mystery

MADRID, March 3 (R) — Even though the trial of 32 military officers implicated in Spain's abortive coup last year is in its eighth day, it is still a mystery who planned and led the attempt.

The top defendants blame each other. More than 40 hours of written testimony, read out in monotonous tones by military court officials, have revealed deep contradictions between them. At the center of the puzzle are the two highest-ranking accused, Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch, commander of Valencia at the time of the coup attempt, and Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada Comyn, then deputy head of the army.

Gen. Milas del Bosch has accused Gen. Armada of preparing the coup and pretending to have the support of King Juan Carlos. But Gen. Armada, a former tutor of the king, has categorically denied being part of the plot.

The third star defendant, Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero Molina, who like the others faces 30

Parliament meets Tuesday Irish rivals locked in power struggle

DUBLIN, Ireland, March 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald and his political rival, former Premier Charles Haughey, are locked in a crucial power struggle to form the Irish Republic's next government after a general election that left both short of an overall majority in parliament.

Whoever can secure the support of some of the seven independents, most of them leftists, who hold the balance of power will be elected Taoiseach, Gaelic for prime minister, when parliament reconvenes next Tuesday.

Both Fitzgerald, leader of Fine Gael (family of the Irish), and Haughey have been holding closed-door horse-trading sessions with the independents for the last week, but so far neither has anything in writing and the struggle may not be resolved until the Dail, or lower house, reconvenes.

The scramble for power takes place amid the republic's worst economic crisis since the state was founded after independence from Britain in 1921.

Haughey appeared to be in the strongest position because his conservative Fianna Fail (soldiers of destiny) party won 81 of the 166 seats in the Dail.

That was two short of an outright majority. He needs to win the support of at least two of the seven minority party deputies or independents elected Feb. 18. But the lone non-leftist is nationalist hawk Neil Blaney, an Independent Fianna Fail deputy, who will almost certainly back Haughey.

That leaves the ex-premier just one inde-

pendent to secure for the necessary 83-vote majority. The speaker of the Dail, elected from the deputies, has no vote.

Fitzgerald, whose coalition of the more liberal Fine Gael and Labor won 78 seats last month, needs to win the support of at least five independents. That means that he has to make sizeable concessions, particularly on economic policy, to them if he wants to secure another term as Taoiseach.

Fitzgerald Tuesday went into a huddle with Maverick socialist Jim Kemmy whose vote brought the minority coalition government down in January over a proposed austerity budget. The election was called after the coalition was defeated 82 votes to 81.

Earlier, he got Fine Gael's approval to dilute his tough budget proposals for hefty tax hikes and welfare cuts. It was not known exactly what amendments will be made, but the authoritative *Irish Times* reported these will be the measures "most repugnant" to five of the leftists.

The deputy Fine Gael leader noted that "as a pragmatic politician, I can put a deal together that has something in it for me and doesn't bend my principles, then of course I want to get into government."

But the big question was whether Labor, which holds 15 of the coalition's 78 seats, will back Fitzgerald. The party is split on continuing in coalition with Fine Gael.

The leadership under Deputy Premier Michael O'Leary does, but the party's executive and much of the rank-and-file do

not. If Labor breaks off from the coalition, it could form a loose alliance of the left in the Dail with the independents.

They include three deputies from Sinn Fein the Workers Party (SWFP), political arm of the now-dormant and Marxist official IRA. Kemmy has sought to forge a smaller alliance between himself and radical left-winger Tony Gregory and the three SWFP deputies to support one side or the other for a year.

But so far he has made little progress, mainly because of SWFP opposition to such a binding agreement. It wants to vote on issues as they arise. An authoritative SWFP source said Tuesday night that the three Marxists will probably declare their choice when they vote March 9.

If neither the coalition or Fianna Fail wins a majority next week, the republic will likely have to go to the polls again for its third general election since last June. That will further defer legislation needed to resolve the country's worst economic crisis.

It has a record 10 billion-Irish pound (\$1.5 billion) foreign debt. Per capita, that's higher than Poland's national debt.

Unemployment is at a record high of 146,600, or 13 percent of the work force. Inflation is currently at an annual rate of 23 percent, the highest in the 10-national European Common Market.

The *Irish Times* noted in a somber editorial Monday: "The hiatus of the election has added to our economic troubles. It will be weeks before anything significant can be achieved...God save Ireland, indeed."

Soviets plan U.S. exclusion in arms talks

MOSCOW, March 3 (AFP) — The Soviet Union is working on a new proposal for disarmament in Europe that could eliminate the United States from negotiations, an informed Soviet source reported Wednesday.

Asked to comment on the report, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report. "We have nothing more to say," he said. According to the source, the Soviet proposal which should be formulated in coming weeks, aims to align Soviet nuclear weaponry with the arms in French and British arsenals.

The Soviet plan would be to reduce Moscow's intermediate-range SS-20 nuclear weapons to the level of current French and British forces.

Under this proposal, the Soviets would have about 200 missiles either in Europe or capable of reaching Britain and France. The combined British-French force would also amount to 200 missiles after the Soviet reductions.

The plan appeared to be consistent with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's stated goal of reducing the number of intermediate-range missiles.

Moscow's plan would include either destruction or transfer of the missiles to the far eastern Soviet Union, where they could not reach Europe. But the idea was not disclosed until Wednesday, apparently because of possible European objections.

France asked to apply apartheid sanctions

PARIS, March 3 (AFP) — The chairman of the United Nations Committee on Apartheid Wednesday expressed confidence that France would apply economic sanctions against South Africa "at the appropriate time."

U.N. ambassador Yusuf Maitama-Sule of Nigeria told a press conference at the end of a three-day visit to France which included talks with government leaders that the French authorities were in favor of stopping trade with South Africa because of Pretoria's racial segregation policies.

years in prison on charges of military rebellion, has said he received orders from both generals to storm the Madrid Parliament on Feb. 23, 1981.

Gen. Armada said he offered to head a government only once the coup was under way, and in order to end the siege of parliament. He claimed to have made the offer at the suggestion of Gen. Milans del Bosch and in his own name after the king had turned it down.

The accused sit in order of seniority on red velvet chairs facing the 17-man court martial across a stretch of plush gold-colored carpet. The trial is taking place in a vast converted warehouse. Gen. Milans del Bosch and Gen. Armada sit side by side, but do not talk to each other.

Journalists who have been allowed to visit the defendants in a heavily guarded barracks outside Madrid say Gen. Armada and other officers who support his views do not mix with the rest of the accused.

Jaruzelski position strengthened Poland to free hundreds

MADRID, March 3 (Agencies) — Poland's ambassador to the European security conference said Wednesday several hundred Polish citizens arrested after the martial law crackdown will be released soon.

"There will be a release of an important number of people arrested — several hundred — one of these days," Dr. Wlodzimierz Komarski told reporters.

He told a news conference the release would take place this month after attending another fruitless session of the 35-nation meeting in Madrid. He said about 3,000 persons still were under arrest following the Dec. 13 declaration of martial law by Polish authorities. He said this figure compared with 6,500 detained two months ago.

He also told reporters that the 18-month conference would continue and that Western reports it might break for a recess because of the Polish situation were erroneous. "The Madrid meeting is lasting. It is part of a process and I can assure that the process will be lasting as well." The conference to review the

Carrington has 'nice' reply to Haig

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 3 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said Wednesday he had "a very nice message" for U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig: "I'm not in the least offended."

Carrington was asked at a news conference whether he was angered by the publication last week of what purported to be notes from a Haig staff meeting. According to *The Washington Post*, the notes had the secretary describing Carrington as a "duplicitous bastard."

"My relationship with the secretary of state is extremely good," Carrington replied. "I have a very nice message for him: I'm not in the least offended." A ripple of laughter spread through the crowd of more than 50 journalists at the news conference.

On Namibia, Carrington said the "contact group" of Western states negotiating Namibia's independence from South Africa would publish an explanation of their proposed electoral system for the territory by the end of the week.

Lord Carrington said he had had talks with president Daniel Arap Moi, current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, on Namibia, Chad and the western Sahara.

He said he believed that the proposed "one-man, two-vote" electoral system for

1975 Helsinki agreements on human rights and detente has been stalemated by East-West clashes since it began.

U.S. chief delegate continued his attack on Poland and alleged Soviet-backed repression there Wednesday by accusing the Soviet Union of violating the Helsinki agreements by continuing to "annex" the Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. Soviet delegate Leonid Llychev rejected the charge, saying the United States should read the Helsinki agreements that endorse the Baltic states as part of the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, Polish military leader Wojciech Jaruzelski has returned to Warsaw, visibly strengthened after a hero's welcome and two days of talks in Moscow, but no nearer to winning the confidence of his people. Western diplomats said the Kremlin clearly signaled full support for Gen. Jaruzelski and his decision to clamp Poland under martial law last December to blunt a challenge to Communist power by the free trade union Solidarity.

Namibia, which has been rejected by the Namibian nationalists of SWAPO who are fighting the South African presence, had been misunderstood.

The foreign secretary also said that Kenya had a better understanding of the proposed system, said to be inspired by that of West Germany, but he recognized that progress toward a settlement over Namibia had been slower than hoped.

Lord Carrington defended the British government decision to send observers to elections due this month in El Salvador, saying there was "nothing wrong" in going to see what happened. Most European governments have decided not to send observers under the present civil war conditions.

The foreign secretary's talks here also touched on bilateral relations between Britain and Kenya. The two sides Wednesday signed an agreement over 5,000 tons of wheat to be sold on Kenya's home market in order to raise finance for development projects in the country.

Total British aid to Kenya in the last financial year was 27 million pounds sterling (about \$50 million) while investment by the Commonwealth Development Corporation was 10 million pounds (\$18 million).

Botha sacks 16 rebellious rightists from party

JOHANNESBURG, March 3 (R) — South Africa's ruling National Party parliamentary caucus Wednesday expelled 16 members of its rebellious right wing in the country's biggest political crisis since 1939.

At the same time, nearly one million white voters went to the polls in Transvaal province in municipal elections which could put Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city, in the hands of the anti-apartheid opposition.

The split between the reformist and rightist wings of the government became final Tuesday when State Administration Minister Andries Treurnicht and the minister for black education and training, Ferdie Hartzenberg, resigned from the cabinet. They were the leaders of a revolt against Prime Minister O.W. Botha. Botha announced the two would not be replaced for the time being and said their duties would be assumed by other ministers.

The clash between Botha and Treurnicht, the party's two strong men, erupted suddenly last week when Treurnicht called on the prime minister to reject possible future political rights for non-whites. Botha refused.

The prospect of power sharing is anathema to the conservative right-wingers and 22 party rebels subsequently voted against a motion of confidence in Botha's interpretation of party policy.

The prime minister gave them until Wednesday to change their position or face expulsion. Party chief whip Alex van Breda said six of the rebels had reversed their stance. In a statement after a closed meeting, he said that the others, including the two ministers, had been expelled.

Political analysts have described the split as the biggest rift in a ruling South African party since Gen. Jan Smuts and Gen. Barry Hertzog differed in 1939 over whether to go to war against Nazi Germany.

Treurnicht, suspended as leader of the Transvaal branch of the party on Saturday, is widely expected to form a new political party. Sources close to the government said the prime minister had engineered last week's clash after becoming increasingly irritated with his right-wing critics.

Shorn of his right wing, Botha is now expected to move to liberalize some aspects of the country's all-embracing race laws. Such moves which have been fiercely opposed by Treurnicht and his followers over the past three years.

The clash could hardly have come at a worse time for the National Party. Wednesday's Transvaal municipal ballot could show a further erosion of support following losses to both left and right in last year's general election.

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U.S. urged to deny Soviets technology

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — Business representatives, backed by Republican senators, urged the administration of President Ronald Reagan Wednesday not to permit use of U.S. technology to build a pipeline from Soviet natural gas fields to Western Europe.

E.C. Chapman, executive vice president of Caterpillar Tractor Co., told a Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee that previous sanctions had damaged his company without

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazem

I always thought I was as enlightened as on the ball, as the next man, but there are aspects of modern life which stump me. The way people go on about certain things nowadays makes me look at life as it was for the older generation and wonder if, somehow, we're not altogether on the wrong track.

Take, for instance, the modern mania for exercise. Now I myself am not averse to a walk after dinner, to give the system that extra something to work on. That is still good enough for me as it was for my parents' generation: people who, as far as I could see, lived happily and long. But how there's the horrible institution of jogging, with people of all ages rushing around in tracksuits huffing and puffing and looking quite blue in the face. Can it really be healthy?

Then there's the question of child rearing. You and I remember from experience that there are times when a child becomes simply impossible, so that nothing will do to put it back on the right track but a firm smack. We were on the receiving side of this, and the experience doesn't seem to have done us any harm. But now that the child psychologists have had their say, it is enough to lift your hand against a child who had obviously gone too far for the roof to come down on you. You're nothing more than a criminal who will give the child a complex for life.

And then there are those questions about the so-called "facts of life", for which previously you could give any answer — the stork, the cabbage patch, anything to keep the fool of a child happy until such time it can find out for itself. (Don't ask me how, we all did somehow. They in turn would do if given a chance.)

But no, the question now has to be given the full, scientific answer, complete with diagrams, and with the parents almost fainting with embarrassment. And so waffling about bees and flowers at the start, otherwise you might give the child a complex.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awad

4,000 executions in Iran alleged

GENEVA, March 3 (R) — A civil rights group told the U.N. Human Rights Commission Wednesday an estimated 4,000 political prisoners were executed in Iran in the past eight months.

The New York-based group, called Clergy and Laity Concerned, which has some 200 Iranian and other members, gave the commission a list of 2,596 Iranians alleged to have been executed between June and December last year, with the time and place of execution.

It submitted a 175-page report which estimated 1,500 more prisoners died in the past eight months. The report gave eyewitness details of prison conditions and torture in Iranian jails, which it said were collected from former prisoners.

The report said: "In most cases, no trials are held. Prisoners are immediately executed or detained for indeterminate periods of time." It said numerous cases of death by torture were known. Dr. Said Cadivar, the organization's spokesman said he had also made a request to address the commission.

hurting the Soviets. The Carter administration placed export controls on oil and natural gas equipment, including pipelayers, in 1978 in response to alleged Soviet human rights violations.

Before that time, said Chapman, Caterpillar enjoyed 85 percent of the Soviet market for large track-type tractors and pipelayers. Since then, he said, Caterpillar's major Japanese competitor, Komatsu, has held an 85 percent share.

CLOUDY WEATHER

	Min		Max			Min		Max		
	C	F	C	F		C	F	C	F	
Amsterdam	3	37	10	50	rain	Manila	22	72	33	91
Athens	8	46	12	54	cloudy	Mexico City	7	45	17	63
Bahrain	17	63	24	75	cloudy	Miami	14	58	21	71
Bangkok	28	82	33	91	clear	Montreal	-12	10	-4	25
Berlin	not available					Moscow	-3	27	-2	28
Brussels	2	36	8	46	rain	New Delhi	9	48	20	69
Buenos Aires	2	36	10	50	rain	New York	3	37	9	49
Cairo	20	68	26	78	clear	Nicosia	5	41	17	63
Caracas	8	46	17	63	cloudy	Oslo	-3	27	7	45
Chicago	17	62	27	80	cloudy	Paris	8	46	13	55
Chicago	-4	25	1	35	snow	Rio de Janeiro	21	69	31	87
Copenhagen	1	34	6	43	rain	Rome	-1	30	17	63
Dublin	not available					San Francisco	9	49	13	56
Frankfurt	2	36	10	50	cloudy	Seoul	-2	28	8	46
Geneva	3	37	7	45	clear	Singapore	25	77	32	90
Helsinki	-1	30	1	32	cloudy	Stockholm	11	52	17	63
Hong Kong	13	55	15	59	cloudy	Sydney	not available			
Jakarta	23	73	30	86	rain	Taipei	1	34	11	52
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	34	93	rain	Tokyo	-5	23	-7	19
London	not available					Toronto	-5	23	-7	19
Los Angeles	14	57	19	66	clear	Vancouver	4	39	10	50
Madrid	8	46	18	64	clear	Vienna	not available			

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